

In Jackson Sept. 7

Board Reveals New Concept For Sunday School Rolls

A new concept which has been called the most extensive and intensive Sunday School enrollment plan ever devised has been adopted for promotion by the Sunday School Board.

Andy Anderson created the plan, labeled ACTION, while pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Myers, Fla. On Sept. 7 Anderson will be in Jackson to present his plan.

The meeting will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the auditorium of

First Baptist Church, and it will be an open meeting, according to Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Last year it took four Southern Baptist churches one whole year to increase the Sunday School enrollment by one person, according to facts taken from Southern Baptist Convention records.

Those records also reveal that more churches reported Sunday

School information last year than any other program on the annual church letter. With 7,190, 829 members reported, Sunday School is by far the largest Southern Baptist program.

Anderson started three years ago to search for a Sunday School enrollment plan for his faltering Bible study program.

After two years of experimenting with mass enrollment cam-

paigns, enrollment at Riverside church increased from 1,004 to 2,000 and attendance from 400 to 1,100, as of April, 1975.

A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, announced that the Sunday School department "now has the services of Anderson as special consultant giving major

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A. V. Washburn (left), secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Andy Anderson, creator of the ACTION plan, express their pleasure with the ACTION materials to be released in mid-August.

Morning For Youth

Watchman, What Of The Night?

By Chester E. Swor

In a situation of concern in Isaiah 21:11-12, the question was asked, "Watchman, what of the night?" There seemed to be both encouragement and warning in the watchman's reply: "The morning cometh, and also the night."

Although never "ordained" to be the watchman of youth life in our churches, I have had the cherished privilege of walking and talking with young people, hearing their problems, sharing their hopes and plans, and rejoicing with them in their progress and achievement for more than 40 years since my own undergraduate years. Also, I have shared sympathetically the anxiety of their parents as dark clouds of youth dangers loomed in such diverse problems of the 1960's and the continuing problems in our public schools.

Through all of the years and experiences I have learned many things, of which these two truths are outstanding:

1. However dark the night of youth indulgences may be, "the morning cometh" in the eventual victory of many young people who temporarily succumb to weaknesses.

2. There are always many thousands of our young people who never lose their way in the darkness; but, strengthened by excellent parental teaching and example, and guided through the darkness by their commitment to The Light of the World, like the moon and stars on any dark night, they have given inspiration and hope to their day.

Is It Morning or Night Now?

Despite the bewildering contemporary reports of widespread drug use, violence, and other disruptions by youth in schools and communities, how is it with our church-active youth? It is morning now in the youth life of our churches, and a rather glorious morning it is! What I am about to report is not necessarily true in all churches and, most surely, not true of all church youth; yet, I am thrilled to report that there is greater evidence of spiritual initiative and power on the part of a great throng of our church-active youth than I have ever before witnessed. An unprecedented number of today's church-active youth are:

1. **HUNGERING** as never before for Bible study, prayer growth, and power, for growth to spiritual maturity, for compassion and skill in witnessing, and for more of genuineness from heart to finger tips of life. From junior high through college years, Bible study is attracting record numbers of serious young people. Prayer and share groups are vibrant with meaning. Yearning for spiritual growth and the search for factors which make it possible are constantly felt by those of us who counsel with youth. Sharing Christ through witnessing has never before involved as many young people. There is a total rejection of the "plastic Christian" and an inspiring hunger for the "for real" Christian. These wonderful evidences I have seen in unprecedented quantity and quality in the last two years.

2. **GROWING** in Bible-based convictions, Christian courage, Christ-like compassion toward others; mature concepts of service and sacrifice, down-to-earth applications of God's Word, amazing willingness to serve "the least of these," and thrilling motivations to witnessing.

3. **IDENTIFYING** with the best of the ages past, loving and respecting their grandparents with an amazing understanding of the character strength that kept their lives and marriages secure. . . . Identifying with the ideals for love and marriage which warmed the hearts of preceding generations as revealed in contemporary surveys. . . . An identification seen, interestingly enough, in their enjoying clothes, hair-styles, and even moustaches of long-ago and more stable days! Because I have "stuck by" the ageless principles in my messages to youth, striving always to be contemporary in insight and application and understanding and loving in spirit, I have received more standing ovations from college and high school audiences in the last two years than ever before — another indication of the desire of youth to be identified with life-principles which live through the years!

4. **SERVING**. . . . In response to the folk song question, "Do You Really Care?" multiple thousands of our church youth are performing such selfless service as tutoring disadvantaged children in after-school and summer times, shoveling snow in winter for people unable to do it for themselves, loving to drive elderly people to medical appointments or shopping or merely for respite from their household days, happily reading to the visually handicapped, writing for those unable now to see well enough to write, bringing cheer to nursing homes through visits, music, seasonal programs. . . helping in hospitals through regular programs or as needed on special occasions. . . baby-sitting without compensation in many circumstances of need. . . and ever in their hearts there is the happy refrain, "In Remembrance of Me. . . ."

5. **SACRIFICING** in a joyous, inspiring manner in order to serve where needed. Several thousand of church youth from throughout our nation serve in summer and other holiday seasons either at their own expense or for mere subsistence compensation in community centers, in summer missions at home and overseas, in underprivileged areas of city and country. Other scores of Baptist youth are serving two-year assignments as Journeyman and US-2 personnel, foregoing gladly the opportunity for remunerative work at home and comfort in living.

6. **SHINING** with inspiration to their peers, their parents, their churches, and their day, making incarnate the declaration of Daniel 12:3, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

And the Warning?

"The morning cometh, and also the night," said the watchman. While it is my hope that the preceding paragraphs have helped any who need assurance to know that, with a tremendous number of our church youth, the morning has come, and that for its coming we can be happy and grateful; in our justifiable joy we must remind ourselves of these three "night warnings":

1. The morning has not come for all of our church youth;

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Mississippi Baptists Sponsor Freedom Spots

Twelve Mississippi television stations and 129 radio stations will air commercials proclaiming Christ's Freedom during the next 15 months.

These radio and television announcements were produced and distributed for Mississippi Baptists by TimeRite, Inc., the advertising division of the Radio and Television Commission.

The theme for the campaign is "Let Christ's Freedom Ring," which is Southern Baptists' Bicentennial theme. Music for the productions is based on an original composition by Dr. William Reynolds of the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department.

A 90-second video tape has been

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Mississippi Students Serve In Montana

The Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board has received a bulletin, "Southern Baptist Round-up," from Rev. W. J. Hughes, director of missions, Montana East. It contains this news item of interest to Mississippi Baptists:

"Our student summer missionaries from Mississippi are the finest!! Those working in my area are Linda O'Neal, Lee Ann Feaster, Donna Jones, Norval Sykes, and Jane Umfress. All of these are from Senatobia except Donna, who is from Lambert. Norval returned home after four weeks, and Jane came to replace him.

Thus far the group have spent one week in orientation, been in VBS at Bethel and Emmanuel churches of Billings, did some survey and helped with music at

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Eight From Mississippi To Be FMB Journeymen

RICHMOND—The 11th and largest group of Southern Baptist missionary journeymen since the program was initiated in 1965 was commissioned at Foreign Mission Board headquarters here July 25.

Eight have ties in Mississippi.

The 80 new journeymen bring the total number commissioned to 708.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, speaking before the overflow crowd, said to the journeymen, "Put your trust

in God. Take God's word at face value. You can place your weight on God's promises."

He told the young people to trust God to "make Himself known as a mighty wonder-working God."

Taking his thoughts from the book of Numbers, Cauthen continued, "Whatever you are going to do, you must do it every day and with full abandon."

Journeymen are college graduates no older than 26 who work for two years alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments overseas.

Job assignments include teaching, preaching, communications, nursing, youth and student work, agricultural work, business administration, bookkeeping, and secretarial work.

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Fifty-Six Personalities Will Appear At Retreats

Fifty-six personalities will participate in pastor-missionary retreats at four state parks in September, according to Therman Bryant, associate in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention

main emphasis of his work is with rural churches. He is the only out-of-state speaker.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi

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Official Audit Report Gives Crusade Finances

The official audit of the receipts and disbursements of the recent Billy Graham Crusade held in Jackson has been completed and is currently being released to the public.

James E. Carr of Jackson, chairman of the Crusade Committee, said that this action is in line with the policy of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in releasing such audits following all crusades in which Dr. Graham participates.

The audit was conducted by the firm of Ross, Eubank, Betts and Company, certified public accountants of Jackson, and covers the period from March 5, 1974, date of incorporation, to June 27, 1975.

The audit shows grand total receipts of \$381,900 with all receipts and disbursements accounted for,

Mr. Carr said.

The audit reveals that two amounts, totaling \$116,912, was transferred by the Crusade Executive Committee from the total receipts to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, leaving receipts of \$264,988 to cover all other expenses.

These two amounts transferred were, (1) \$100,000 from collections received at three crusade services, to help defray costs of the Billy Graham Association's television ministry, particularly production costs of the telecast of the Mississippi Crusade, which will be shown throughout the United States and several foreign countries in September and include the Jackson area; and (2) \$16,912, one night's Crusade collection, which was designated for

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From Camp To Hospital

Churches Find Places For Refugees

By Don McGregor

Luong Bao Hing, 22, was on the telephone to the head of the laboratory at the hospital in Leland. Hing was a fourth year medical student in Saigon with the city fell to the communists.

One chapter of his life closed when the city fell. On July 11 he was in the refugee resettlement center, in the office of Southern Baptist Missionary Lewis Myers, making the arrangements that would open a new chapter.

On July 24 he moved to Leland with what family he had with him, and on Aug. 3 he was at First Baptist Church, Leland, in an English language and Bible introduction class taught by the pastor's wife, Mrs. James Richardson.

A part of the family that is with him is his sister, Luong Bao Hong, 20. In Leland she is known as Rosie. Rosie was an overseas telephone operator when she was in Saigon. She is not working yet in Leland because she is taking care of a nephew, Cam Phuong Hoang, 13. Her sister, Hoang's

mother, did not get out of Saigon. There is some indication that Hoang may go to France to live with a grandmother, but he is not sure he wants to. He is beginning to enjoy his new life in Leland. He and Rosie were at the language class at First Church Aug. 3.

Another member of the family was in the office at Eglin Air Force Base when Hing was talking to the hospital. He is the head of the family in Leland at 28. He is a brother-in-law to Hing and Hong and an uncle of Hoang's. His name is Nguyen Chi Can, and he was the captain of a naval vessel in Vietnam. He is the father of two children, one about two and one of whom he has never seen and doesn't even know if it's a boy or a girl. He was separated from his wife in the last frantic days in Saigon, and she didn't get away because of the birth of the baby. The young mother is also a sister of Hing's and Hong's.

The youngster, Hoang, incidentally, has been nicknamed Phoenix by his family.

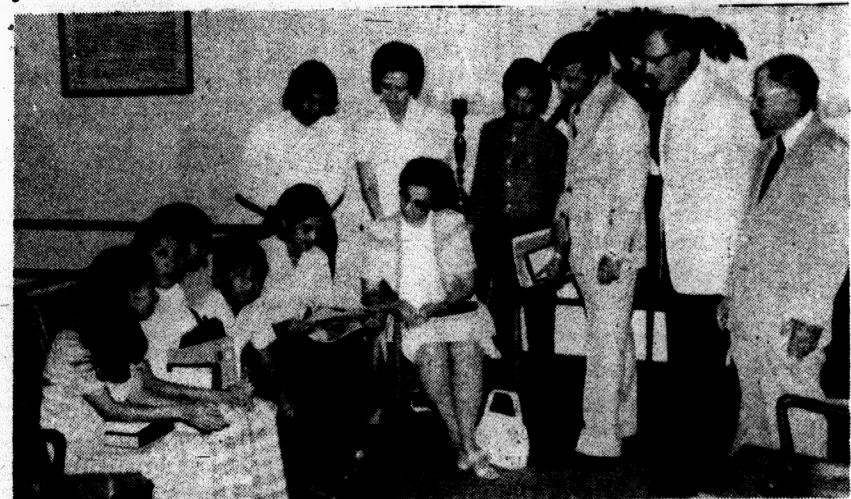
Can had always had an interest

in automobile repair work. The members of First Church, Leland, welcomed the Vietnamese with open arms. A telephone call by the pastor, Dr. James Richardson, to a garage in Leland operated by one of the members had Can a job before the owner ever met

him.

Dr. Richardson, who is also president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, said the experience in Leland has been beautiful. The members turned out in force to get things ready for the

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The Vietnamese group at Leland talks with committee members following church service. Mrs. Albert Boulter is seated, center, looking at a newspaper with Lam Sieu Banh. Behind Mrs. Boulter is Mrs. James Richardson, wife of the pastor. Standing from right are Albert Boulter, Frank Hope, and Dr. James Richardson, pastor.

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promotion to the ACTION plan." He added that Anderson would "join the Sunday School department full time at an early date."

Anderson's study of Sunday School enrollment and attendance revealed what he calls a "law" between enrollment and attendance in Southern Baptist Sunday Schools.

As Bible study enrollment increases, attendance also will increase, with attendance always near 40 percent of enrollment, Anderson reports. Sunday School attendance at Riverside Baptist Church was 40 percent of enrollment before the campaign, and remains near 40 percent with the added enrollment.

This rule will vary, Anderson agrees, but in general it is true of enrollment - attendance percentages in Southern Baptist churches where he has been able to check.

According to Anderson, "the philosophy of ACTION is to take the 'action' to the people. Enroll anyone who is not enrolled in another church; enroll the people anywhere and under any circumstance; the only requirement is that the prospect give his consent."

ACTION's enrollment plan has five basic parts: the pastor's class, the task force (visiting from house to house), telephone enrollers, Anglers (youth) and bus outreach. These parts were planned so that any interested person in the church would be able to become involved in ACTION.

The three phases of ACTION include the week of enrollment emphasis, a four - week period of preparation activities preceding the special campaign, and a period of intensive visitation stabilization following the week.

Anderson says the pastor's class is unique in two ways. First, the pastor can reach people for Bible study who will not or cannot be reached by anyone else. And secondly, the pastor can channel members of his class into the regular Sunday School, placing people in appropriate age groups. Also, many officers and teachers are recruited from the pastor's class.

Prospects for the pastor's class include church members not presently enrolled in Sunday School and people acquainted with the pastor in the city who are not enrolled in Sunday School.

An important point in the pastor's class is that no person who is presently enrolled in Sunday School can join the pastor's class. This protects the present

organization from erosion and avoids competition.

The task force is composed of at least 15 persons for each 100 resident church members. This house-to-house visitation group is a vital part of ACTION and should be enlisted by the pastor at least two weeks before the enrollment campaign begins.

The telephone enrollers consist of five persons for each 100 resident members. Each evening each telephoner selects 10 friends or acquaintances who are not attending a Bible study program and tries to enroll them.

Anglers, which includes junior-high, senior-high, and college students, meet at the church each evening of enrollment campaign week to visit friends and enroll them in Bible study.

Youth also may be involved in the task force.

The ACTION enrollment campaign also is an ideal time to begin or enlarge a bus outreach ministry if one is needed, according to Anderson.

Several churches have experienced outstanding enrollment growth only to be disappointed in attendance growth due to a lack of follow-up. Consequently, the follow-up methods should be used as thoroughly as the enrollment campaign.

Follow-up includes contacts of new Sunday School members by the pastor, class teacher, group leader, and enroller. The four weeks immediately following enrollment are possibly the most important in terms of continuing contact with the new enrollee and insuring his or her regular part in Bible study.

The ACTION book is being published by Convention Press of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. It will be sold in packets of three loose-leaf notebooks and an accompanying tape by Anderson, for \$30 for each packet. A foreword by A. V. Washburn and an introduction to the tape relating this Reach Out enrollment plan to the total Sunday School program is included in the book. Included in the book are a list of preparation actions and a list of preparation actions and a list of preparation actions.

NEW YORK (RNS) — A church-launched research project has accused commercial television networks of failing to meet their promise to remove violence from children's programs. Media Action Research Center, Inc., said that in the 1974-75 season, when reform was supposed to become apparent, acts of violence and aggression appeared every three and one-half minutes of actual program time on Saturday morning offerings on NBC, ABC and CBS.

amples of cards, letters, and various mail-outs for new enrollees. Essential forms may be purchased from Baptist Book Stores after Jan. 1, 1976, or produced in the church from examples provided in the ACTION manuals.

ACTION manuals should be ordered after August 15 directly from the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, which will provide field servicing of ACTION.

Fifty-Six Will Appear At Retreats

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pi Baptist Board, will speak twice at each retreat.

Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the board, will speak once at each retreat as will Bryant.

The four locations are Wall Doxey State Park, Holly Springs; Leroy Percy Park, Hollandale; Roosevelt State Park, Morton; and Paul Johnson Park, Hattiesburg.

The Wall Doxey date is Sept. 2-3, the Leroy Percy time is Sept. 4-5, the Roosevelt date is Sept. 9-10, and the Paul Johnson time is Sept. 11-12.

Each retreat will begin at 9:50 a.m. and adjourn for lunch the second day.

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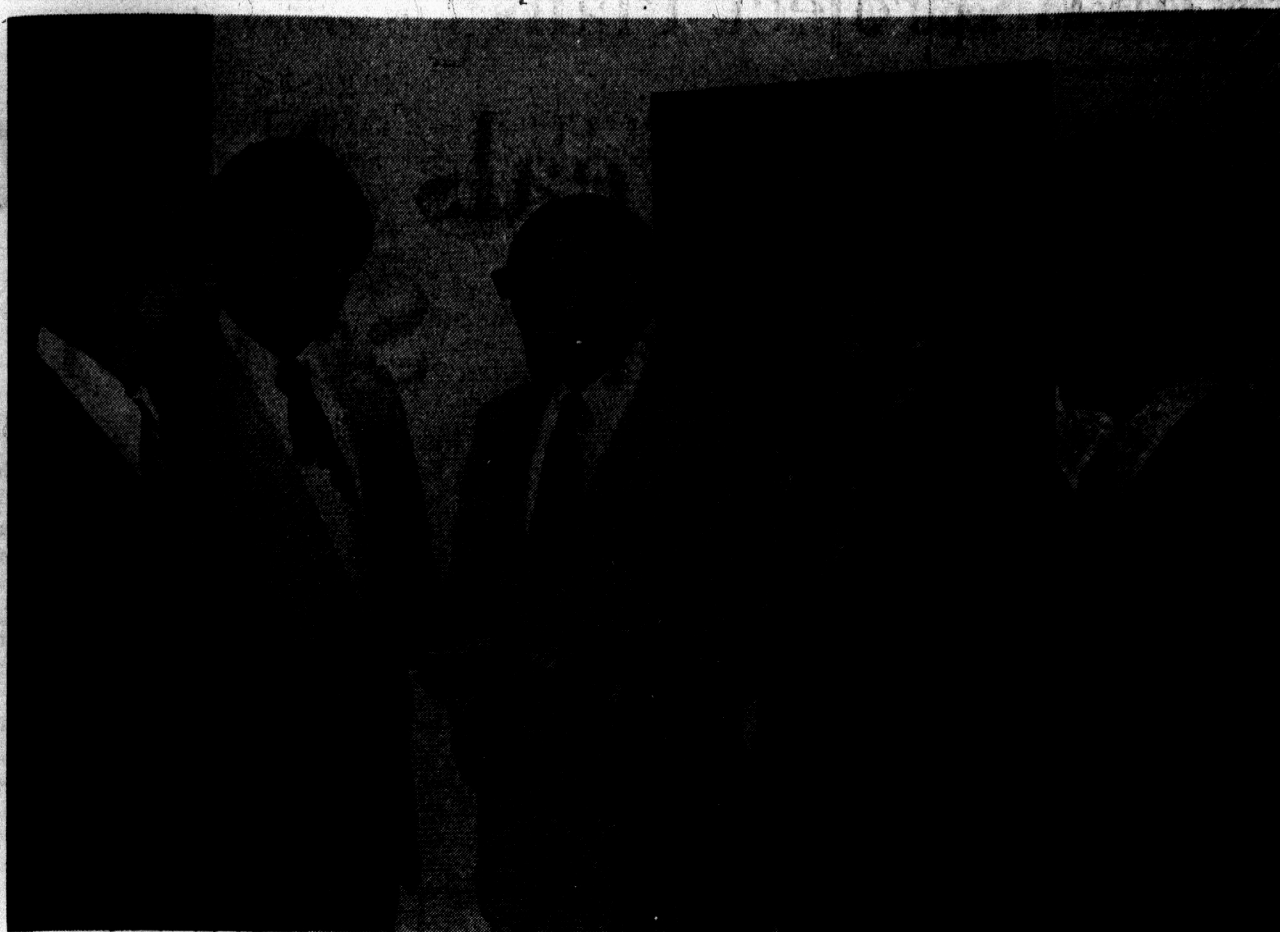
Bethel, spent a week at Hill-

Big Sky Camp, and a week at VBS at Fraser.

Thank you, Mississippi Baptists,

for sharing your talented and dedicated young people with Montana Baptists."

Our other students, missionaries serving in Montana are Bruce Cardin of Newton; Joanne Myrick, Laurel; Barry Gates, Laurel; Sandra Wilcan, West Point; Jan Mitchell, Louisville; Brenda Palmer, Mathiston; Rebecca Burford, Sarah and Alisa Johnston, Summit. According to Rev. Glenn Field and Dr. Curtis Ellis of Billings, these students have also been of great service in summer mission work. They will return to Mississippi on Aug. 9.



A \$100,000 Check

Herman Pride, treasurer of the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade, presents a check for \$100,000 to Charles Riggs, representative of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, to cover the production costs of the television series of the Jackson Crusade, which will be shown on national and worldwide television in September. Watching the transaction are David Grant on the left and James Carr and

David McIntosh on the right. Mr. Carr was chairman of the Jackson crusade, and Dr. Grant and Rev. McIntosh were vice-chairmen. Mr. Pride also gave Mr. Riggs a check for \$16,968 for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association world relief fund. Both of the funds had come from the surplus received over the budget in the recent crusade in Jackson.

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distribution to the Billy Graham Association's World Relief Fund.

Cash receipts listed in the report, less the \$116,912 referred to above, are as follows:

Crusade collections, \$197,536; general donations, \$48,193; share partners (persons who actually make regular contributions throughout the year to Billy Graham Association), \$19,813; counseling class offerings, \$3,752; material sales, \$606; finance committee, \$106,968; breakfasts and luncheons, \$1,580; honoraria (earned by Crusade staff members), \$368; choir offering, \$2,781; miscellaneous, \$302, totaling \$264,988.

Disbursements listed follow: office expenses including salaries

of \$31,512 and rent of \$11,250, for total of \$71,006; prayer, printing, postage, radio time, \$3,502; counseling and follow-up, \$21,956; group crusade reservations, printing, materials and postage, \$2,799; advertising and publicity, \$20,145; finances - printing, materials and postage, \$15,791; Crusade team expenses, \$34,867; expenses during Crusade - stadium rent, parking attendants, platform construction, sound system, and other expenses, \$42,478; Special items - choir materials, Crusade programs, youth ministry, transportation, special projects, and other expenses, \$30,591, for a total of \$243,134, leaving a cash balance of receipts over disbursements of \$21,854.

The Crusade Executive Committee voted to send \$3,000 of the cash balance at June 27, 1975 to

the West Texas Billy Graham Crusade (Lubbock), with the remainder less subsequent disbursements being transferred to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Part of the cash transferred will be specified for Eurofest (European Youth Festival).

On June 27, 1975 the Crusade had unpaid invoices total \$4,301. These invoices were all paid by July 8, 1975. Since the close of the Crusade, office receipts totaling \$471 have been received and are to be deposited.

The Mississippi Crusade Executive Committee intends to dissolve the Corporation prior to December 31, 1975.

Anyone desiring to see a copy of the audit may do so by contacting any member of the Steering Committee of the Crusade, according to Mr. Carr.

Churches Find Places For Refugees

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two families who went there. Houses were rented and made spic and span for the new residents. Pantries were well stocked, and then the Vietnamese were taking shopping to get things that might have been forgotten.

An attractive young woman, Nguyen Hung Kieu, 32, is the head of Leland's other family. She is the eldest of the wage earners, though her mother is with her and her brother, Nguyen Hung Lam. Also living with them as part of their family is Lam Sieu Banh. He has no relatives in the United States, but he and Nguyen Hung Lam were close friends in Saigon. Both Banh and Lam were university students in Saigon. Kieu, which is pronounced Q, worked in Saigon for the International Commission for Control and Surveillance. In Leland she works for an accounting firm. Both Lam and Banh work at the Leland cotton compress.

All of the Vietnamese except for the mother of Kieu and Lam were at the initial English language class on Aug. 3 at the church. The mother was ill that day. They were in the worship service, where members made sure they felt as at home as possible.

The language class will be held each Sunday morning from 9:30 until 11. Materials will be furnished the Vietnamese to help them become more proficient in the language. All have some knowledge of English. Banh is perhaps the most fluent, and he also speaks French and the Mandarin and Cantonese dialects of Chinese.

The First Church members are careful not to push too hard in the area of religion, Mrs. Richardson said. At the same time, however, they let the Vietnamese know that they are welcome at First Church services at any time, and she is not hesitant to share her religious beliefs as she conducts the language class.

The Leland members have been taken by the gentleness and polite manners of the Vietnamese. The new residents, on the other hand, seem to be contented in their new lives and happy to have a chance to begin making it on their own again.

They cannot help but reflect on the past and their homeland, however, and think about the ones left behind. It is a particularly dif-

ficult adjustment for Can, who left his wife and the two small children. There is no way of knowing if they will ever have a chance to reunite their family.

The Leland people will help the Vietnamese for three months and then let them launch out on their own. Their hopes and plans depend on many factors, though Banh wants to complete his education. He hopes to enroll in Delta State University in the fall. He said the communists do not accept an education as being necessary.

All except perhaps the oldest and youngest of the Vietnamese refugees had connections with either the Vietnamese or the United States government that made them feel it was unwise to stay in Vietnam. Mrs. Richardson asked them if they knew why the Leland church had sponsored them.

Banh answered that many refugees have come to the United States and this country has always taken them in. He said the Americans have compassion on those who have a need to leave their own lands for honorable reasons.

Mrs. Richardson added that "our God tells us to be kind and help others and to tell others about Him." She added, "We also want to help the refugees find peace in their hearts in spite of their sadness at having to leave Vietnam."

The good experiences at Leland are evidently being repeated over Mississippi by other churches sponsoring refugees. Broadmoor Church in Jackson has sponsored the Nguyen Van Vu family; and the pastor, Dr. David Grant, declared that it is working out very well indeed. Though this is a Buddhist family, the members have been in church at Broadmoor regularly, Dr. Grant said.

Dr. Grant is immediate past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

First Church, Cleveland, has sponsored the Tran Xuan Thau family; and Calvary Church, Greenville, has sponsored two single men, Nguyen Hong Nhan and Luong Quang Binh.

Myers said the greatest need is for sponsorship of single men. About 100 out of every 150 of the Vietnamese people are single men, he indicated. The single man were in the armed forces and are willing to do about anything to earn a living, he said. Recent-

ly he has helped locate four helicopter pilots who are now working in a fiberglass plant. His neighbor in Vietnam was as air force colonel who was a navigator with more than 6,000 hours flying time. He needs a job but has no civilian skills. Another needy area is in large families.

Myers insists that sponsorship should be provided by churches rather than individuals. He feels the larger organization behind the effort is needed to assure stability.

The resettlement center at Eglin Air Force Base near Fort Walton Beach, Fla., will not be used too much longer because it is not winterized. All of the refugees left there will be transferred to Fort Chaffee, Ark.

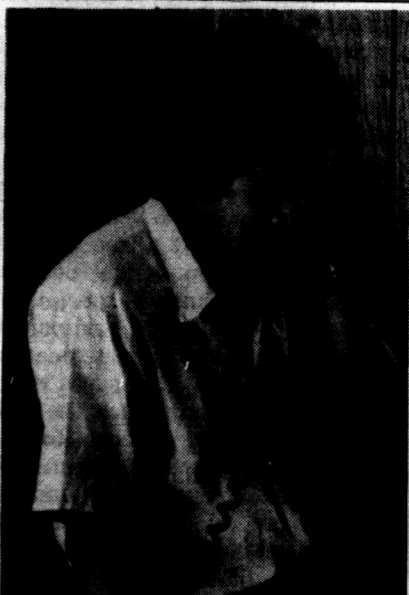
Meanwhile, the list continues to grow slowly as other churches in Mississippi bring Vietnam families under their wings. Temple Church in Hattiesburg recently sponsored the Nguyen Lan Ngoc family. Other churches are making inquiries.

University Church in Hattiesburg will soon have three single men under their sponsorship; and First Church, Columbus, is to sponsor a family that has been living temporarily in Cleveland. A sister of the Cleveland family and her children have been living there and will move to Columbus under that church's sponsorship.

This week Mississippi Chemical Company in Yazoo City was to interview a young Ph.D. in chemical engineering. If employment works out there it is hopeful a church sponsor can be found.

Eglin will close its refugee center on Sept. 1. After that Myers will concentrate on follow-up work in the refugee situation in cooperation with the Home Mission Board. About 3,000 refugees are left at Eglin, he said this week.

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — Some 450 professions of faith were made during a recent evangelistic campaign in Antigua led by a pastor and 10 laymen from an Alabama church and Southern Baptist missionaries. Charles T. Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, was the main speaker in the eight-day crusade, assisted by the laymen, including businessmen and educators plus a doctor, dentist, attorney and chemist.



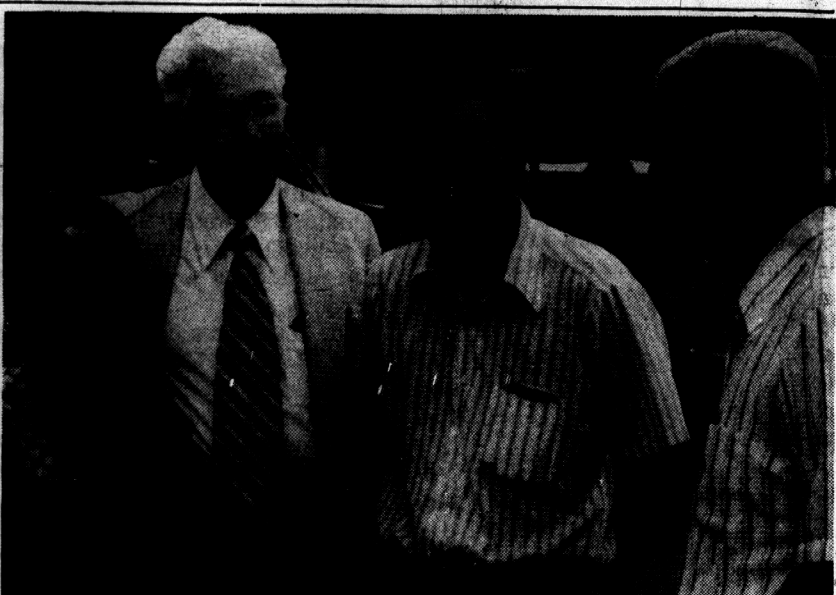
Luong Bao Hing talks with the head of the laboratory at Leland Hospital from Elgin Air Force Base.



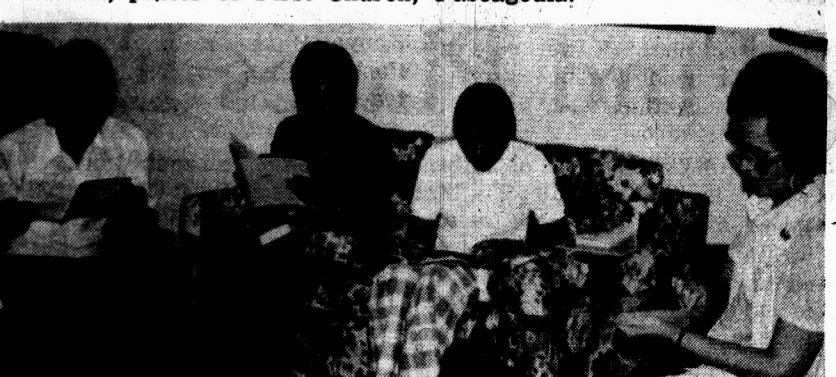
Zeno Wells, right, director of missions in Jackson Association, visits with Hien Bui Van (Tony) during a visit to Eglin.



Mrs. Carol Brooks of Pass Road Church in Gulfport holds a Vietnamese youngster while the mother looks on.



Lt. Col. Phan Huu Ngu, second from right, of the Vietnamese air force, and his wife, left, were neighbors of the Lewis Myers in Danang. They chat with Myers, right, and Clark McMurray, second from left, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula.



Left to right, at the English-language class are Lam Sieu Banh, Nguyen Hung Lam, Nguyen Hung Kieu, and Mrs. James Richardson.



Luong Bao Hing, right, attends an English-language class at First Church, Hattiesburg. Others from left are Phoenix, Nguyen Chi Can, and Rosie. The back of the head of Lam Sieu Banh can be seen.

Growth Project Plans Released At Ridgecrest

RIDGECREST, N. C. — A new plan for growth of the Southern Baptist Convention's church training program has been announced at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

More than 2,300 participants in the Church Training Leadership Conference here were introduced to the "Grand Design for Growth," a plan and schedule of church training growth projects proposed for 1975-1980.

The plan is designed to insure balance and depth in approaches to growth for all 33 state conventions, said Philip B. Harris, secretary of the Sunday School Board's church training department.

According to Harris, 25 growth projects have been planned for 1975-76, with more than 100 projects expected to be held in the next five years. At least one project will be conducted in each state convention, he added.

There are two types of Church Training Growth Projects. One type is the Church Training Revival, which uses the weekend approach — Friday night through Sunday night. The other is the Church Training Associational Growth Project which begins on Saturday night and continues through Wednesday night. This plan for an optional age group training session offered on Thursday night.

The schedule for growth projects is filled for the upcoming church year, stated Harris. Requests for future years should be sent to the board's Church Training Department.

"Today" Show To Interview Pastor On Nagasaki Bombing

SAN ANTONIO (BP)—Buckner Fanning, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church here, is scheduled to be interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today" show, Aug. 11, concerning a meeting he recently conducted in Nagasaki, Japan, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on that city.

Fanning was among the first Marines to land in Nagasaki at the conclusion of World War II and that experience was a significant factor in his entering the ministry.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—The United Methodist Church enters its 1975-76 year with 37 of its 530 domestic districts headed by ethnic minority superintendents. The number is unchanged from the previous year.

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Ridgecrest Student Conference Set

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Concerns of the world, the nation, communities and individuals will be primary areas of attention for the Student Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center Aug. 23-29, 1975.

"To the World with Love" is the theme of this year's conference, which is sponsored by National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Teams of leaders will be responsible for directing study in the four primary areas of attention. "The World" will be led by Stanley Nelson of the Foreign Mission Board; "The Nation," by Warren Wolf of the Home Mission Board; "The Community," by Jon Appleton, director of campus ministries of the Alabama Baptist State Convention; and "The Individual," by Keith Harris, director of

campus ministries for the Baptist General Convention of Virginia. Also featured during Student week will be seminars, conferences and workshops designed to supply personal assistance and resources for programs during the

1975-76 college year. These will relate to the National Student Ministries emphases of worship, missions and Bible study. Sessions in leadership skills, evangelism and several miscellaneous subjects also will be added.

Sponsor Freedom Spots

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mailed to every television station in the state, and an audio tape with three 60 and two 30 second spots to each radio station, along with a request that the spots be aired as public service announcements as many times as possible during the year of celebration. Each announcement is tagged

with an identifying line for the "Mississippi Baptist Convention."

Any church which is interested in using the spots on a local station, either radio or television, should contact TimeRite Advertising, Suite 1900, 511 North Akard, Dallas, Texas 75201. Tag lines for local churches and air time for the spots can be arranged.



Children's Village personnel who are managing and directing the Village's branch campus in Tate County are shown in discussion with officers of Farrow Manor, Inc., from whom the Village leased its branch facilities. Pictured (l to r): Rev. T. M. Jennings, secretary, Farrow Manor, Inc., Alabel M. Lyles, caseworker on the Village staff who will direct all social work at the branch campus; L. W. Turner, president, Farrow Manor, Inc.; Mrs. Linda Foster and her husband, David "Cotton" Foster of the Village staff.

Mr. And Mrs. D. Foster Named To Village Staff

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Foster have been appointed to staff duty on the branch campus of The Baptist Children's Village, located near Independence in Tate County. The new campus facility has been leased by The Children's Village from Farrow Manor, Inc., and will receive the first children for custodial placement this month.

In presenting the first staff members assigned to the Farrow Manor site, Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of The Baptist Children's Village, explained that in addition to serving as houseparent in Cottage No. 1 on the Tate County Campus, Mr. and Mrs. Foster will assume resident managerial responsibility, with Mr. Foster being named home life director of the branch. The Fosters were formally presented to the officers of the Boards of The Children's Village and Farrow Manor in a ceremony on The Village's Jackson Campus.

Mr. Foster is widely known among friends of The Village throughout Mississippi, having been associated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention's official child care agency for many years, both as a child enrolled for care and later as director of activities on the Jackson Campus. He came to live at The Village at the age of 12 years, remained in custodial care throughout his high school and college careers, and was employed as a full-time staff member immediately upon the completion of his college education. A graduate of Clinton High School, he attended Northwest Junior College at Senatobia and Mississippi College. At Northwest Junior College, Foster served as president of the student body, president of the BSU, and as Northwest's representative on the State Executive Council of the BSU.

Before rejoining the Village staff in late June of 1975, Mr. Foster was employed as a representative with Acacia Mutual Life Insurance Company with offices in Jackson.

Mrs. Foster, the former Linda Shirley of Jackson, is a licensed professional nurse and has been employed in several medical and nursing home facilities in the metropolitan Jackson area, resigning as head nurse at Crawford Nursing Home in Jackson to join her husband in vocational commitment to Baptist child care. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are members of Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson and are the parents of one son, Preston.

In announcing the selection of the first staff members to be assigned to duty at the Farrow Manor branch, Superintendent Nunnery said, "It is both interesting and appropriate to report that our dream of another Village campus for children will soon be realized under the resident direction of 'Cotton' and Linda Foster, whose lives have been united with Village life for so many years. 'Cotton' Foster is one of the most unusual Christian men with whom I have ever been associated. For almost 15 years he has been my friend — the friend of the Village — the friend of our children, and as boy and man he knows Christian child care, its victories and defeats, its joys and sorrows, as only one who has committed his life to neglected and dependent children can know this ministry. All Mississippi Baptists, and our Village family in particular, are fortunate and blessed to secure 'Cotton' and his lovely wife, Linda, as leaders in this challenging venture."

Baptists In Thailand Aid Cambodia, Vietnam Refugees

RAYONG, Thailand (BP) — Baptists and other Christians in Thailand are helping to heal the leftover hurt of Vietnam and Cambodia, according to reports from Southern Baptist missionaries.

In Rayong, Chanthaburi, and Songkhla, missionaries are ministering to the refugees who fled to Thailand after Communists took over the two neighboring countries.

The Thai government has not been able to provide shelter or food, except for some rice, for the 10,000 refugees along her Eastern border and in boats in the coastal

ports. Therefore, Baptists, the International YMCA, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Catholic Relief Service, and other volunteer agencies have had to respond quickly to meet basic human needs.

Thailand Baptist churches, the Baptist women's organization and Thai Baptist youth have gathered funds and clothing. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board supplied \$10,000 in emergency relief funds. Missionaries in the area have served as a channel for aid — buying food, blankets, and tin (for shelter) locally and taking them to the camps.

Glorieta Single Adult Conference

Two buses of single adults from Jackson will be attending the Single Adult Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center over the Labor Day weekend. The singles' conference at Glorieta has been described as the world's largest assembly for Christian singles.

The trip with the Jackson group involves a sightseeing trip to the Grand Canyon and other interesting points in the west. The group will leave Jackson, Monday, August 25, arriving at the Grand Canyon, Thursday, August 28, returning Friday, August 29, for the Glorieta Conference. The group will arrive back in Jackson, Tuesday, September 2. Total cost for the trip is \$157.00. Some reservations are still available.

Singles across the state are invited to make the trip with the Jackson group. Contact David Roddy, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Jackson. The reservation deadline will be Sunday, August 17.

Lackey Named Consultant For Broadman Press

NASHVILLE (BP) — James V. Lackey, who has been president of his own consulting firm for the past two years, has been named a sales consultant for Broadman Press, publishing arm of the Sunday School Board.

Lackey, former executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, will serve Broadman accounts in Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Virginia.

A native Oklahoman, he served on the Stewardship Commission staff, 1962-73. For nine years before joining the Stewardship Commission, he served as superintendent of young people's work for the Sunday School Board.



Nichols To Join Seminary Faculty

The executive committee and the instruction committee of New Orleans Seminary trustees have elected a new faculty member for the division of church music ministries.

Named to assume duties Aug. 1 was Clint Nichols, chairman of the music department at Wingate (N. C.) College.

Nichols, who will be associate professor of church music and voice, has sung professionally in operas and with symphonies. He has served as lead tenor with the New York City Opera Company and as minister of music in churches in Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi.

Prior to accepting his position at Wingate, he was assistant professor of voice at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

He and his wife, Jarvis Rose, have performed over 400 concerts in the past 10 years. They have two children, Coleman, 6, and Roselyn, 4.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (RNS) — Charles Z. Smith, a professor at the University of Washington Law School and a former judge, is president-elect of the American Baptist Churches. He was elected here at the denomination's second biennial convention to succeed Dr. Peter H. Armacost, a Kansas educator. Mr. Smith, a black resident of Seattle, and Mrs. Olive Tiller, the vice-president-elect, will take office next January. The two new officers were choices of a nominating committee.

\$5,000 Emergency Relief Released For Recife Flood

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has released \$5,000 for emergency relief needs in Brazil following a flood that hit the Recife area in mid-July, killing 89 people and leaving 55,000 homeless.

A board spokesman said that additional relief appropriations will be considered at the board's August meeting at Glorieta, N. M., pending further requests and information from missionaries in Brazil.

Ten municipalities, including Recife, were reportedly flooded and were declared disaster areas by the governor of the state of Pernambuco.

Nine missionary homes were damaged by the Recife flood waters. A number of the Baptist churches in the area were also damaged, but the extent of their losses is not yet known.

None of the 30 Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Recife was injured, and early reports indicated that they have been assisting with relief efforts.

Amarillo Deaf Choir Schedules Jackson Concert

The deaf choir of First Baptist Church, Amarillo, will present a concert at Van Winkle Church in Jackson on Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

Thirty young people, both hearing and deaf, from the Amarillo church will present their songs and drama under the direction of Jan Ricks. Lorraine Hendricks is coordinator for deaf work at the Van Winkle. The concert was worked out through the office of Rev. Rodney Webb, language missions coordinator for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The Amarillo young people, known as "Hallelujah Hands," are on their way to Ridgecrest for the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf during Home Mission Board week.

LISBON (RNS) — The government has ordered an end to a Communist-led takeover of Radio Renascenca, an official voice of the Portuguese Roman Catholic Church. Communist Party leaders called for demonstrations outside the station's studios to protest the order.

Eight From Mississippi Are To Be Journeymen

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Of the new journeymen, 21 were commissioned to Eastern and Southern Africa, 18 to East Asia, 10 to Eastern South America, eight to West Africa, eight to Western South America, seven to Middle America and the Caribbean, five to Europe and the Middle East and three to Southeast Asia.

Prior to their commissioning, the journeymen completed six weeks of special training at Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.

The eight new journeymen with Mississippi ties are Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Ferrington, Mr. and Mrs. Van C. Payne, Stanley Harper, Cynthia Lumpkin, Johnny Powell, and Judy F. Roberts.

The Ferringtons will go as youth and music workers in Tokyo, Japan. Their permanent address is Ruston, La., but both are 1975 graduates of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. They have been members of Whiteside Church at Prentiss.

Mrs. Ferrington was Mary Catherine Sydes before her marriage. The Paynes will go to Nairobi, Kenya. He will be a communications worker and she will be a teacher in Rosslyn Academy. He is a 1973 graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, and she is a 1973 graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton. Their permanent address is 212 Main St.

in Lucedale, and they have been members of First Church, Gulfport. She has been a teacher in Harrison Central Elementary School in Gulfport, and he has been employed in the news department of WLOX-TV in Biloxi. She is the former Gwen Gullage, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McNabb Gullage of Jackson.

Harper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil L. Harper, and his home address is 708 Parker Drive in Clinton. He has been a member of Robinson Street Church in Jackson. He will be a secretary-bookkeeper in the Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Rhodesia. He has been working at the Crossgates Nursing Home near Brandon.

Miss Lumpkin is a 1975 graduate of William Carey College. She is from Maitland, Fla., and will be a mass media worker in a recording studio in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Powell is a 1974 graduate of Mississippi College and has been a member of Northside Church in Clinton. He was recently employed by the Custom Cabinet Center in Clinton. He will be employed as a boys' and men's worker in Monrovia, Liberia. His hometown is Baton Rouge, La.

Miss Roberts is a 1972 graduate of William Carey College. She is from Fort Myers, Fla., and will be a nurse in Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia.



NEW JOURNEYMEN COMMISSIONED—Among the 80 journeymen commissioned by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1975, eight have Mississippi ties. They are from left to right, Darryl Ferrington, Mary Catherine S. (Mrs. Darryl) Ferrington, and Stanley Harper; second row, Cynthia Lumpkin, Judy F. Roberts, Van Payne, Gwen G. (Mrs. Van C.) Payne and Johnny Powell. FMB Photo by James E. Legg.

What Of The Night?

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and, while rejoicing in the dawn of the morning of commitment in the lives of so many of our youth, we need to continue without cessation our efforts to win our church youth who are still in the twilight—some in the night—of dangerous indulgences.

2. We who are parents, counselors, and adult friends need to give our committed youth continuing support in all the ways needful for their continuing growth toward inspiring maturity—and this support through both our personal examples and tireless efforts.

3. We need to be diligent in preparing the pre-teens and even younger ones with insight, understanding, growth, conviction, courage, and compassion; for, if we do not, a recurrence of the night-time of the 1960's is possible.

For all of our youth, let's do our best to keep the glorious morning glow of commitment, joy, and inspiration!

(Note to readers: if there are inspiring examples of church active youth which you would like to share with Dr. Swor, you may reach him by mail at this address: 902 Whitworth Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39202)

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EDITORIAL

A New Mission Strategy?

In last week's Record there appeared the story of a proposal by Jim Newton, editor of the Brotherhood Commission's *World Mission Journal* that the two mission boards be united, and that the three mission journals (*Foreign Mission*, *Home Mission*, and *Brotherhood*) be combined. Although the part of the story which we published did not include it, the suggestion also was made that the mission publication might be in some way be made supplement to state papers.

We do not think that these suggestions will be given serious consideration by the boards or other Baptist leaders, yet all such proposals do merit examination. It is because of this that we do discuss them here.

Mr. Newton argues that world needs are such right now, that Southern Baptists need to have one mission strategy which covers all missions. He uses the Vietnamese resettlement problem as an illustration of the need for one mission program. His argument for the need for a far larger circulation for the mission journal also is well taken. Nevertheless, there are weaknesses in his whole presentation.

Southern Baptists already have a unified mission program. It is through the Cooperative Program, and the overall mission emphasis which is found in the denomination's whole world program. It is true that the direction of certain areas of the mission plans are under different boards, but this probably is the only way that they could be handled successfully.

There is a vast difference in the programs and in the problems of foreign missions and home missions. Foreign missions is done in more than eighty countries, while home missions is in one. Foreign missions must deal with many types of governments, while home missions works under one. Foreign missions is in many languages, while home missions basically relates to one, with sizable emphasis only on a few others. Foreign missions must deal with institutions as well as with churches and missions, while home missions has no institutional responsibility. Home mission work all must be done in close cooperation with the state conventions, while foreign mission work, as far as Southern Baptists are concerned, is under direction of the board. These are just a few of the contrasts of the type of work being done, but they do point up how different these programs are. The result is, that, even if all were under one board, there would have to be two divisions, the work of which would be vastly different. Moreover, greater responsibility would rest upon a single board, with more centralization of power. This is neither desirable nor necessary. We can see no good reason for uniting the boards in order to bring a single mission strategy. We have that now, since the boards work together in full harmony in every way necessary.

Now as to the combining of the periodicals. About 50 years ago, the home and foreign mission publications were united in a single publi-

cation called "Home and Foreign Fields". This was an attractive, well edited missions magazine, and served the denomination for a number of years. (We have in our possession one or two copies of the magazine which are nearly 50 years old). After a few years, however, leaders of the boards felt the necessity of having their own journals, so the joint publication was discontinued, and *The Commission* and *Home Missions* were established. There is no reason to believe, that a joint magazine would be any more successful today, than it was fifty years ago.

The matter of circulation is important, and this is one of the reasons Mr. Newton raises the issue. The mission magazines of today are not reaching enough Southern Baptist homes. The idea of increasing the circulation is the one that needs to be pursued. Perhaps there is need for finding a way to have widespread use of the *Every Family Plan* for missions journals even as it now is used for the state papers.

The idea of combining the publication with the state papers, or as a supplement, is hardly feasible since some of the state papers are newspapers, and some are magazines. There is little possibility that they can be brought to one uniform size, since they vary so greatly in circulation, size, budget, etc.

These proposals should be considered for what they are, simply ideas which one leader has put forth, as he seeks to help the denomination see the need for more effectiveness in its mission program. Perhaps from them can come ideas which will help us do a more effective job.

Ordinances And The Church

A news release from California says that the founder of "Jews for Jesus," Moishe Rosen, has announced that he "would not be baptizing any more people, nor would he serve communion."

Mr. Rosen, who is a converted or Christian Jew, was speaking at the annual conference of the Messianic Jewish Alliance, an organization of Jews who have accepted Christ as Saviour and their Messiah.

"I believe very much in the sanctity of these ordinances," Mr. Rosen said, "and I believe that in the future these rites of communion and baptism shall all be carried out in the local church before a worshipping congregation."

But "many of us who are missionaries and evangelists, and not pastors, have contributed to the erosion of confidence in the local church by conducting baptisms and serving communion before bodies which in fact are not constituted as churches."

Rosen stressed that every Jew who comes to believe in Christ should join a local church and receive the ordinances under their auspices.

It is good to see that this Jewish Christian leader has come to the New Testament position concerning

the ordinances. They are church ordinances, and nowhere in the New Testament is authority given to just any individual Christian to administer them. The commission was given to the church. If not, then it was given to individual apostles, and died when they died. Only the church lived on, and lives today.

It has been the practice of some individuals like Mr. Rosen, groups like the "Jesus people", and some others to proceed with baptism when a person was saved. We were told of a fine Christian teen-ager in California who came to her pastor agog with excitement because so many of her friends had been converted in a youth meeting on the beach. He told her how glad he was to hear of it, and that he would want to get the names so that he could talk to them about baptism and church membership. "Oh, we took them into the waters of the Pacific and baptized them as soon as they were saved," she replied. One can imagine the problems that arose when these new Christians sought to join the church on that "baptism."

An Executive Secretary in one of the pioneer areas told of a summer youth worker, who was most ef-

fective in reaching youth, but was found to be baptizing them immediately, without any thought of relationship to or authority of the church.

Recent reports have told of baptisms of some of the Vietnam refugees in the refugee camps, as soon as they were won to Christ. Nothing was said about this being done under the authority of or into the fellowship of a church. We hope that it was since as much as we rejoice that some of these dear people are being won to Christ, we believe that as new Christians they should be given proper guidance in the New Testament teachings concerning the ordinances.

In the New Testament, baptism was always related to the churches, or was performed by those who were sent out from the churches under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. There is no evidence of the Lord's Supper being observed outside the fellowship of a church.

There will be few problems with the ordinances if we keep them in the church, and under the authority of the church. Mr. Rosen has returned to a basic New Testament truth, when he turns new converts toward the church.

for the reader the great truths which Paul revealed in these verses.

REAL CHURCHES OR A FOG BY S. E. Anderson (Bogard Press, paper, 168 pp., \$2.25) The subtitle is "A Defense of Real, Local Churches; A Denial of A Foggy, Universal Church." Dr. Anderson is an outstanding Baptist scholar who long lived among Southern Baptists, but later served in conservative American institutions. In this book he presents a careful study of the New Testament Church. His purpose is to show that the church in the New Testament was a local visible body and that the concept of a "Universal Church" simply is not there. Every passage using the word church in the New Testament is examined, and even the use of the word "Ekklesia," the word translated church in the New Testament, in the Greek version of the Old Testament is also examined. These studies reveal that the word "never meant an unassembled number of people, much less people who never assembled." The teaching of Jesus concerning the church is carefully examined and the use of the word throughout the New Testament is presented. Dr. Anderson discusses the origin of the "universal church" concept and shows how that in its present day use the New Testament teachings concerning the church and the kingdom are confused. He shows the resultant abandonment of emphasis on important New Testament doctrines when the emphasis

preparation of the material. The publishers have done a beautiful job in the printing. The volumes are conservative in their scholarship approach, yet present a well rounded view of the materials discussed. The articles are much more comprehensive than they could possibly be in a one-volume encyclopedia. This set will be a valuable asset to the library of any preacher, to other teachers and Bible students who want a valuable tool for their work, and as a reference set in the church library. The publishers have made a valuable contribution in making this new set available.

ROMANS: THE SONS OF GOD, EXPOSITION OF CHAPTER 8:5-17, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones (Zondervan, 438 pp., \$8.95) Another in an outstanding series of commentaries on portions of the book of Romans. Previous volumes have covered chapters 3:20-8:4. The author was for several years associated with Dr. G. Campbell Morgan at Westminster Chapel in London and then was his successor in a ministry that continued for another quarter of a century. Dr. Jones retired in August, 1968. His expositions are very carefully done as one can see in these 438 pages on 12 verses of the chapter. These messages were actually preached in a several month period in 1960 and '61. The selected section of the great 8th chapter of Romans deals with the Christian's position as the Son of God and with spiritual relationships. In 33 messages this able Bible expositor opens

NEWEST BOOKS

THE HARD SAYINGS OF JESUS by Albert McCallan (Broadman, 135 pp., \$3.95) The author, a widely known Southern Baptist leader, has taken 19 of the sayings or invitations of Jesus and brought them to modern day application. Such teachings as the straight and narrow gate, free indeed in Christ, many invited, few chosen; burying the dead and others are included. This is a fresh approach to some of these great teachings of our Lord and is clear in outline and pointed in application. The book will be valuable both to the preacher and the layman as it is both expository and devotional.

THE ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BIBLE in 5 volumes by Merrill C. Tenney, general editor (Zondervan, \$79.95, 5-volume set, more than 5,000 pp.) More than 10 years of research have gone into the preparation and development of this reference set, and 230 scholars from around the world have made contributions. There are more than 5,000 pages of vital information on Bible lands and people with more than 7500 articles alphabetically arranged. There are hundreds of full color and black and white illustrations, charts and graphs with 32 pp of full color maps and hundreds of black and white outlined maps. This is one of the most valuable encyclopedias which we have examined and is completely up-to-date. The editors have done a careful job in the choice of their writers and in the



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Appreciate Outing For Retarded

Miss Evelyn George
Church Training Department
Dear Miss George:

We as parents of mentally handicapped children would like to express our appreciation to the persons responsible for the outing which was held May 10, 1975 at Camp Garaywa for the mentally retarded.

The program was one of the most well planned events that we have ever seen. The children were well taken care of and entertained beautifully as were the parents.

We would like to see more events of this nature for our handicapped children as they are "offered so little," but who are so appreciative of anything.

Again, thank you for a day full of fun! Mr. and Mrs. Charles McInnis, Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Tredway, Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brainard, Jr., Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bobo, Clinton.

Pastor Writes Of Visit To The Children's Village

Dear Dr. Odle:

This past Thursday, my wife, 2 daughters, and I visited my mother who is a new housemother at the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village. Our visit there overnight was one of the most touching and moving experiences of my life. It was my first visit to the Village. I've come away with a new awareness of what we Mississippi Baptists have in the Village — We're really doing home missions.

I am 28 years old, a Baptist born and bred, and have pastored here in this state for nine years and yet never realized what has been going on at the Village. My interest and attitude has been one like that of so many other Mississippi Baptists — unconcern. I am ashamed of the small gift that I made and my church made toward this ministry this past Mother's Day. Next Mother's Day, I've promised God that I'll make a "real" gift — not only because of my mother, but because of the precious boys and girls at the Village.

One trip through a cottage with my mother would be enough to awaken any serious Christian. Mama took us into a bedroom where four boys live. She pointed to the bed and told us the name and heartwarming story of each boy. We went into 3 bedrooms like this and came back to the kitchen table. Mama continued to talk about her boys, all gone on summer vacation except little four year old J. L., who sat on the floor playing with a little toy truck. Martha and I could hold the tears back no longer, but Mama continued to talk. Finally I managed to tell her that if she did not stop, I would have to leave. I just couldn't stand it any longer.

The thing I really couldn't stand and still cannot be reconciled to — is that I have done so little. I've had almost no part at all in this child care institution. There are thousands like myself — we've done so little — with so much.

If every Mississippi Baptist could take is on the universal church rather than true New Testament churches. Dr. Anderson is a careful scholar and this is not his first book on New Testament doctrines. Many scholars are quoted in the book and the distortion in the universal church teachings are pointed out. This is a splendid study on the New Testament church.

Light for Living
Chester E. Swor

Psalm 68 is filled with assurances to the righteous and with timely warnings to the unrighteous. Verse 6, having promised blessing and deliverance to the righteous concludes with this warning: "... But the rebellious dwell in a dry land."

Despite the temporary sense of abundance which rebels-against-God may experience as they saturate themselves with indulgent pleasures and self-serving plans, there is a very real drouth in their hearts all the while; and, as surely as God's abiding truth prevails, the time will come eventually in which their whole living is in dry, dry land of disappointment, disillusionment, and bitterness. Here are some of the aspects of the drouth in the lives of the rebellious ones:

1. There is a drouth of joy—the sort of joy which comes, pervades, overflows, and abides... the sort of joy which brings a wholesome sense of rightness and well-being... the quality of joy which says to the seekers of a better way, "This is the way: walk ye in it."
2. There is a drouth of peace.—The kind of peace which makes possible one's looking without fear into the face of God... the kind of peace which enables one to look with confidence toward the future... the kind of peace which sweetens and ennobles one's relationship to fellowmen... the kind of peace which the rebel heart longs for but does not have.
3. There is a drouth of power — the measure of spiritual power which brings vitality and meaning to life, which gives motivation to live and to serve nobly, and which gives the strength with which to keep growing.
4. There is a drouth of victory — the victory which helps an individual to triumph over difficulties within his life and around his life, the thrilling type of victory which enabled Paul to sing out with joy, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Without total victory over life, all of the temporary thrills of the rebellious give way eventually to frustration, bitterness, and defeat.

The obedient heart can rejoice in the assurance of the 19th verse of that 68th Psalm: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation, Selah!"

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the trip my family took, spend one night at the Village, see and hear about those kids, they would have a different attitude. From now on the Village can count on my financial and prayer support.

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Summer Round-Up Of Newest Books

HERE AM I! SEND ME by Mary Jane Chambers (Fleming H. Revell, Spire Books, paper, \$1.50, 155 pp.) This is a true story, rich in humor and humanity, chosen by Reader's Digest as a condensed book. From a state of disbelief and despair, Mrs. Chambers heard God's call to teach a certain Sunday School class. Her quick response and the events that followed changed her life. (She is the wife of a space scientist and is author of another book, *Don't Launch Him — He's Mine.*)

TO RULE THE NIGHT by James B. Irwin (Fleming Revell, paper, \$1.50, 212 pp.) This is a new paperback edition of Jim Irwin's book about his thrilling journey to the moon and about his journey to faith in God.

ANCHORED IN LOVE, The Carter Family Story by Michael Orgill (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 192 pp.) This appealing and heartwarming book is the story of one of the "first families of country music" and at the same time is a sweeping history of country music in the past 50 years. Members of the Carter family include "Mother" Maybelle, Sara Dougherty Carter, A. P. "Doc" Carter, June Carter Cash, and her husband, Johnny Cash. Through phenomenal success or in personal setbacks, their deep religious convictions have sustained this family like an "anchor in love."

THE CHRISTIAN USE OF EMOTIONAL POWER by H. Norman Wright (Fleming H. Revell, 159 pp., \$4.95) The book points out that emotions are aroused when we make a value judgment. Emotions can have productive outlets, the author says. Anger can be justified and fruitful if it is controlled and directed against wrongful deeds. Deeds rather than against persons.

ABOVE ALL ELSE by June Hunt (Fleming H. Revell, 128 pp., \$3.95) An autobiography by the daughter of H. L. Hunt, a world renowned industrialist. The book points out how June found true riches through Christ and details a number of personal instances along the way.

PLEASE GET OFF THE SEESAW SLOWLY by Norma Williamson (Fleming Revell, 125 pp.) This is a warm and thoroughly engaging book on how one woman handles the ups and downs of being a Christian wife and mother. Mrs. Williamson, a graduate of MUW, writes a biweekly column for the Mississippi Methodist Advocate.

THE MIRACULOUS ESCAPE by Jim Dimov (Fleming Revell, \$4.95, 155 pp.) Communist Bulgaria was hostile to believers, so young Dimov escaped to America and realized his life-long dream of becoming a missionary. Now living in California, he directs Underground Christian Missions, a group dedicated to placing Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. This is the exciting story of his escape.

LET'S LIVE! by G. C. Mitchell (Revell, 160 pp., \$4.95) The subtitle is "Christ in Everyday Life." Christian living is practical says this author. Any Christian can live for Christ. Since many are not doing that, the author shows them how that it can be done.

THE FAMILY BIBLE STUDY BOOK (Fleming H. Revell, \$6.95, 255 pp.) Fifteen innovative, easy-to-follow 15-minute studies in Genesis, Proverbs, John, the Acts, and Ephesians. The 13 authors are all women, all Christians, and all mothers. The material is designed for all ages, to be useful in family Bible study. There are quizzes, illustrations, maps, and other suggestions that can make these brief studies interesting and creative.

CZECH MATE by David Hathaway (Fleming H. Revell, 187 pp., \$1.75) This is the absorbing story of a man who smuggled 150,000 Bibles and Scriptures into communist lands in his tourist bus, who spent ten months in communist prisons and then was miraculously released.

A STRANGER FROM THE PAST by Lorimer DeKalb (Fleming Revell, paper, \$1.75, 378 pp.) In this novel the heroine has a six-year gap in her memory, due to an accident. One day a handsome stranger appears in church and threatens to unlock the past.

ABORTION: THE TROJAN HORSE by Janet Patterson and R. C. Patterson, M. D. (Thomas Nelson Inc., 178, \$3.50) A husband and wife team bring out the dangers of abortion through actual case histories of women who have lived with the problem. This book seeks to reveal abortion's many traumatic effects both physical and psychological.

CRACKING THE GOD CODE by Michael Seward (Regal, paper, \$1.45, 89 pp.) To many, the Christian religion seems to be a kind of code, with words and symbols that few can understand. To help "crack the code," a London vicar here explains in easily readable, ordinary words what Christianity is all about.

SURVIVAL adapted by Bob Friedman from the Mark IV picture, "Survival" (Gospel Light, 88 pp., Paper \$2.25) Real life drama! A six-seater plane crash lands on a lonely mesa in the Arizona desert, catapulting the five survivors into a sudden confrontation with their hostile environment and with each other.

ONE HOME UNDER GOD by Jack R. Taylor (Broadman, \$1, 32 pp.) A study and discussion guide, on the subject of "how to have heaven in your home."

BEAUTY IS by Sudie Watson (Vaughan Printing Company, Starkville, 53 pp., \$2.50) This delightful book by Mrs. Sudie Yarborough Watson of Mathiston is a collection of inspirational poems and brief meditations. Mrs. Watson had a weekly column in *The Webster Progress* for 15 years, and some of these selections were used in her column.

GOOD MORNING, LORD — DEVOTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Paul Martin (Baker, 64 pp., \$1.95) Another in a series of splendid devotional books beautifully bound for gift giving. The author uses illustration, poetry, outlines and other materials to provide delightful devotional material.

GOOD MORNING, LORD — MEDITATIONS FOR TEACHERS by Don Mainprize (Baker, 31 pp., \$1.95) Another in the "Good Morning, Lord" series. These are as the title says, Meditations for teachers and provide devotional material concerning the teacher and his task.

1001 WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CONVERSATION AND SPEECHES by Herbert V. Prochnow (Baker, paper \$41 pp., \$3.95) A storehouse of humorous stories, epigrams, literary quotations and biblical quotations for the use of speakers. The author has prepared many books for the use of speakers. This one first appeared in 1962 and now is presented in paperback form.

A DICTIONARY OF WIT, WISDOM AND HUMOR by Herbert V. Prochnow and Herbert V. Prochnow, Jr. (Baker, paper, 243 pp., \$3.95) Under simple alphabetical listing the author provides epigrams and quotations from hundreds of speakers. A reprint of a book first published in 1962.

WE LEFT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES edited by Edmond C. Gruss (Baker, paper, 169 pp., \$2.95) While Jehovah's Witnesses claim rapid growth, thousands of people have left the group in the last few years. This book gives the testimonies of a number of those people. The author and compiler was himself long a Witness, but found the truth of Christ as Saviour and left the group.

HOSEA: PROPHET OF GOD'S LOVE by T. Miles Bennett (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 116 pp.) An exposition and study guide for the book of Hosea. Expert expositions and skillful discussion questions provide a rewarding group-study experience. Dr. Bennett is professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary.

DEVOTIONALS FOR TEACHERS by Nelle A. Vander Ark (Baker, 80 pp., gift boxed. Fifty brief devotionals, written especially for the classroom teacher.

THE CREATIVE CHRISTIAN HOME by Merla Jean Sparks (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 93 pp.) A mother of two children has compiled this wealth of excellent and out-of-the-ordinary ideas for developing solid parent-child relationships.

FAMOUS STORIES OF INSPIRING HYMNS by Ernest K. Emurian (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 185 pp.) A collection of true and inspiring stories back of the words and music of fifty hymns and gospel songs.

OBJECT LESSONS FOR CHURCH GROUPS by Vera Hutchcroft (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 95 pp.) This is a collection of 24 lessons or sermonettes using everyday objects such as Christmas trees and medicine bottles to reinforce lesson truths.

TO GOD FROM MOM by Lynn Kant Sallee (Baker, \$2.95, 80 pp.) This appealing and well-written book is a collection of a mother's prayers, in the form of "letters to God." The letters talk of labor and childbirth, of a child's wedding, of sibling fights, frustrations, and other milestone experiences.

DYNAMIC DISCIPLESHIP by Kenneth C. Kinghorn (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 157 pp.) Positive suggestions are offered in this informative guidebook, for overcoming unhealthy attitudes and misconceptions which often hinder dynamic Christian growth.

1000 SUBJECTS FOR SPEAKERS AND WRITERS compiled by Hy Pickering (Baker, paper, 215 pp., \$2.95) One thousand subjects, with an amazing variety of topics, are listed here as ideas for the speaker or writer — for sermons, addresses, devotionals, etc. Each subject gives an accompanying Scripture reference. There is an index to titles, subjects, and Scripture texts.

FUN PARTY GAMES FOR ALL AGES AND OCCASIONS by Bernice Hogan (Baker, paper, 192 pp., \$2.95) Complete plans for party fun — the invitation, decorations, games, prizes, food (recipes and ideas for serving it), and other hints for the hostess.

FUN WITH SKITS, STUNTS, AND STORIES by Helen and Larry Eisenberg (Baker, 128 pp., \$1.95, paper) "A gold mine of entertainment suggestions for banquets, camps, and conferences."

GROUP READINGS FOR THE CHURCH by Charlotte E. Arnold (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 74 pp.) Readings from the Bible, as well as others on Thanksgiving, Christmas, stewardship, etc. (The Group Reading is a play to be read rather than memorized.) Each reading is preceded with a diagram of the platform arrangement. A list of characters, attire, and music needed is given.

ISRAEL'S WISDOM: LEARN AND LIVE by L. D. Johnson (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.95) This book is an introduction to the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. The first chapters tell of its origins, literary forms, and theological ideas. Then several chapters each are given to interpreting Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes. The author is chaplain and professor of religion at Furman University.

A RELIGIOUS GUIDE TO EUROPE by Daniel M. Madden (Collier Books, paper, 529 pp., \$4.95) This comprehensive guidebook on religious pilgrimages to Europe covers the countries of Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Scandinavia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and eastern Europe, with a chapter on each country. Some of the special features of the book are a brief history of each country; city-by-city coverage of interesting places to go (cathedrals, museums, village shrines, monasteries, etc.); nonreligious points of interest in each area; information on hotels and transportation; information on ceremonies, festivals, pilgrimages, and the best times to go in order to participate in them. (The Baptists are mentioned only in the chapter on Great Britain.)

CHURCH WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION TRAINING GUIDE by Frances Bohn (Convention, 142 pp., \$4.95) A training guide for directors and teachers of daycare, kindergarten, and other preschool programs.

CRADLE ROLL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING KIT (Convention Press, \$9.95) Required study material for course 6300, Sunday School Leadership, Church Study Course. The kit contains Cradle Roll Information Sheet, instructions for an "inside church" baby unit, Cradle Roll Interest Center Sheet, filmstrip and recordings on reaching out with Cradle Roll, etc.

MUSIC PROGRAM PLAN BOOK, 1975-75 (Convention Press, paper, \$2.50, 80 pp., looseleaf) Calendars and monthly planning pages, lists of music resources and emphases to be used in planning the music program of the large or small church.

GIFTS AND DISCIPLESHIP by John Hendrix (Convention Press, paper, 65c, 89 pp., Church Study Course) Mr. Hendrix shares experiences from his own adolescence that can help youth cope with who they are, and how they can use their God-given gifts.

ANIMAL NATURE AND HUMAN NATURE by W. H. Thorpe (Anchor Press-Doubleday, 433 pp., \$12.50) An integration of scientific fact with theological thought in a discourse that is provocative.

THE INFLUENCE OF ISAIAH'S SERVANT IDEA UPON NEW TESTAMENT THOUGHT by Minyard Merrell Barnett (Minyard M. Barnett). The offset reproduction of a typed manuscript seeks to do two things, first, to set forth Isaiah's Servant Idea and, second, to show the influence of this idea upon the thought of the New Testament.

CHRIST'S MISSION by Isobel M. Garver (Christ's Mission Publishers, 275 State St., Hackensack, N. J., \$2.50, 136 pp., paper) This book first appeared as a special devotional section in *Christian Heritage* magazine. The author gathered the inspiring devotional thoughts from many sources and expanded them by observations in her own private journals over a period of 35 years. There are 12 chapters, one for each month.

THE CHEQUE-BOOK OF THE BANK OF FAITH by Charles Haddon Surgeon, (Pilgrim, paper, 370 pp., \$3.50) Reprinted from the writings of "the prince of preachers," this is a book of "precious promises," — a promise from the Bible and a brief devotional comment, for every day in one year.

COME YE CHILDREN by C. H. Spurgeon, (Pilgrim, paper, 160 pp., \$2.25, reprint) An old but still relevant book for parents and teachers, on the Christian training of children.

THE TWO WESLEYS by Charles H. Spurgeon (Pilgrim, paper, \$1.50, 64 pp.) This is the reprint of a lecture delivered by Spurgeon, in the Metropolitan Tabernacle Lecture Hall in London on Dec. 6, 1861, about the lives of John and Charles Wesley.

SANCTIFICATION by C. H. Spurgeon (Pilgrim, paper, 30 pp., 95c) Reprint of three sermons delivered by Spurgeon on the subject of sanctification.

PREACHING THAT BUILT A GREAT CHURCH by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 585 pp., \$3.95) This is a group of 29 messages by Dr. Rice which he states were "used of God to build a church of 1,700 members, with over 7,000 professions of faith, in the midst of the bitter depression times — 1932-1940." (This church was Fundamentalist Baptist Tabernacle in Dallas, built in 1932-33 under the pastorate of Rice.)

SWEET FAMILY TIES IN HEAVEN AND HELL by Evangelist John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord Publishers, \$3.50, 222 pp.) A collection of sermons that have been preached in principal pulpits all over America.

A GATHERING OF LAMBS by Gertrude F. Johnson (Concordia, \$5.95, \$44 pp.) This is a story from World War II — the story of a family born in Poland. Subjected to Nazi propaganda, they stood by their convictions. They were ordered to move to the Polish Corridor. In a narrow escape to West Berlin they braved harassment by Russian soldiers, hunger, and typhoid fever. But they survived. Their Shepherd protected his "lambs."

IS THERE A PLACE I CAN SCREAM? by Harold Myra (Doubleday, \$4.95, 103 pp.) These are intensely personal prayers of passion, of anger, of wonder and delight. A young man himself, the author is writing to the young.

TODAY IS ALL YOU HAVE by Overton Stephens (Zondervan, 160 pp., \$1.75, paper) A physician's journal of new life and healing. When Dr. Stephens learns that he has cancer, he finds out for himself the truth in the words, "Today is all you have." The reader senses the imperative "that God is calling us to go out and live with abandon, deeply involved with people, and trusting that God can do far more with us than we dare to ask or think." Bruce Larson in the Foreword says "I feel strongly that this book is a prescription written to help each one who reads it to find life and hope and meaning."

PHILIPPIANS by Howard Vos (Zondervan, 95 pp., paper, \$1.95) A study guide to one of the most beautiful of all Paul's letters, effectively prepared by a professor of history and archaeology.

PRAISING GOD ON THE LAS VEGAS STRIP by Jim Reid (Zondervan, 183 pp., \$5.95) As chaplain to the Las Vegas Strip, Mr. Reid represents the Home Mission Board, SBC. This is the amazing, domestic story of his ministry in the city of slot machines and theaters.

THE CHRISTIAN LOOKS AT HIMSELF by Anthony A. Hoekema (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 152 pp., \$1.95) New life in Christ entitles Christians to a self-image that is essentially positive. Yet accepting this view of their worth can be difficult for those Christians burdened with feelings of guilt. This book gives suggestions on how such Christians can learn to see themselves in a better light.

MORE PSALMS FOR ALL SEASONS by David Allan Hubbard (Eerdmans, pocket book, paper, 96 pp., \$1.50) Expositions of a selection of 12 Psalms, with a special study of their relationship to experiences of everyday life.

GOD AND THE GURUS by R. D. Clements (InterVarsity, paper, 64 pp., \$1.25) The author describes the general characteristics of Eastern religions and closes with practical advice to Christians who encounter devotees of Eastern religions.

WHO WALK ALONE by Margaret Evening (InterVarsity, paper, 222 pp., \$3.95) A consideration of the single life. The author begins by asking the question, "If no one ever marries me? She then proceeds in a series of 11 chapters to discuss many of the problems and needs, along with the blessedness of the single life.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST COLLECTION OF CLEAN JOKES by Bob Phillips (Spire Books, pocket book, paper, 172 pp., \$1.45) A collection of more than 1,000 jokes presented under 24 subject heads. This book exposes the movement for what it really is and shows how false and unscriptural are its claims.

UPHILL FOR PEACE by E. Raymond Wilson (Friends United Press, 432 pp., \$7.95) A study of the impact of Quakers upon the Congress of the United States. It is the history of three decades of Quaker Lobbying. One will be interested in the activities of this quiet Christian group for those principles which they hold so important.

THE CASE AGAINST INTEGRATION by M. L. Moser, Jr., (Challenge, paper, 74 pp., \$1.50) A brief presentation of the arguments of those who do not believe that integration is scriptural.

"JUST A MOMENT" by Otis B. Testerman (Challenge, paper, 92 pp., \$2.00) A collection of brief articles on many subjects which first appeared in church bulletins or news letters.

CHRISTIANITY ON TRIAL by Colin Chapman (Tyndale House, \$5.95, 594 pp.) This book presents evidence for Christian belief today. Using the Scriptures as the final authority, it lets people representing different views speak for themselves — from Thomas Aquinas to Jean-Paul Sartre. The author gives the options and leaves the decision up to the individual reader.

BEYOND ENFORCEMENT by Chuck Van Lente (Whitaker, paper, 152 pp., \$1.50) A Michigan state trooper finds that arresting a teenage boy for rape or locking up a sniper or quelling a riot will not quiet the turmoil or take the hate out of the persons involved. He feels that law is good, but sees a need for something beyond law enforcement, something further to help rehabilitate the criminals.

THE DEVIL WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT! by John L. Bray (John L. Bray, Box 908, Plant City Florida 33566, paper, 23 pp., four for \$1) The sermon in this little book was preached by John L. Bray, a Baptist pastor, on May 25, 1973, in the West Indies.

ISRAEL, MY LOVE by Zola Levitt (Moody Press, 153 pp., \$2.50) Zola Levitt is a Jew who has discovered that the message of Jesus clearly fulfills the promises of the Messiah. Both Jews and Christians will discover new truth as they read this captivating story of Mr. Levitt's spiritual pilgrimage to Israel.

YES IS A WORLD by James W. Angell (Word Books, 132 pp., \$4.95) This book seeks to take the raw materials of daily living — work and play, marriage, worship, dying — and asks how these experiences can be converted into occasions of growth and maturity.

ALL WE'RE MEANT TO BE by Letha Scanzoni and Nancy Hardesty (Word Books 233 pp., \$6.95) In the first part of the book, the authors take a look at the biblical view of woman, both in the Old and New Testaments, comparing this with the views in the related cultures of the biblical world. The authors then turn to the practical out-working of a biblical view of woman. They deal with the joys and problems of being a Christian woman in a contemporary world.

THE ALLELUIA AFFAIR by Malcolm Boyd (Word Books, \$5.95) This is a courageous and original book, showing triumph and hope at the heart of adversity. It is an allegory in which Jesus comes down from the cross in the stained glass window and walks among the men of the world. People begin seeing other people on crosses — the hungry, the sick, the mistreated ones of the world, and then they decide to stop crucifying each other, and to try harder to love. Then they begin to see Jesus in each other.

LISTEN TO THE WIND by Harold F. Leestma (Word Books, \$2.95, 100 pp., paper) Drawing extensively from his long pastoral and counseling ministry, Dr. Leestma presents convincing proof that "God never lets go of us," and in chapters on the Holy Spirit, conversion, joy, prayer, and love, he shares his experience of how to live our faith.

GOD TOOK MY HAND by Beverly Dyer (Judson Press, paper, 96 pp., \$2.95) The author tells of her harrowing hospital experiences following an auto accident in Italy, and a broken neck. Through these she found increased faith in God and recognition of the simple joy of living.

THE SMALL CHURCH, VALID, VITAL, VICTORIOUS by Paul O. Madson (Judson Press, Paper, 126 pp., \$3.95) A book will help a church evaluate its prosperity, though small in numbers. This church can carry out a significant program. The author, an American Baptist, tells what a variety of small churches are doing in ministry.

RENEWED IN STRENGTH by Joy Alderman (Judson Press, paper, \$1) A small book of short prayer thoughts, beautifully illustrated with full-color photographs of scenes from nature.

WANTED: WRITERS FOR THE CHRISTIAN MARKET by Mildred Schell (Judson Press, paper, \$4.95, 160 pp.) This author, a successful writer herself, describes the essential tools for writing and tells how to prepare material for specific publications and to submit the finished manuscripts. Part Two describes requirements of different kinds of writing which are needed for Christian publications.

BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS by Reginald E. O. White (Keats, paper, \$2.25, 159 pp.) This compelling examination of the events of Christ's crucifixion shows it as ultimate proof of God's love and of Christian victory.

THE STRANGER OF GALILEE by Reginald E. O. White (Keats, Paper, \$2.25, 201 pp.) Meditations on the life of Jesus. A Baptist minister and Bible scholar reveals unusual insights which make this loved story a vivid reality.

SUNRISE AT EVENING by Ray Charles Jarman with Russell Bixler (Whitaker, paper, 157 pp.) The explosive true story of a man who was a successful pastor for 52 years but who did not really become a Christian until he was 70 years old. He emerges from a maze of yoga, psychology, mysticism, reincarnation, and transcendental meditation to enter into a new realm, as he is truly born again.

THE SINGER by Calvin Miller (InterVarsity, 152 pp., \$3.95) This poetic narrative in the tradition of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien is the story of a troubadour (Jesus) who wakes up to the knowledge that he is Earthmaker's son. In richness of language and beauty of style, Calvin Miller retells an age-old story whose significance is unmatched in human history. Faithful to his calling, the Singer sings, the song is rejected, and he is strung up on the wall — but of course the story does not end there. This truly excellent book is a powerful "metaphor of incarnation and redemption." It is magnificently illustrated with line drawings by Joe DeVelasco, Chicago artist. The author is a graduate of OBU and Midwestern Baptist Seminary and is a pastor in Omaha, Nebraska.

MAKING NONPROJECTED VISUALS AND DISPLAYS by Mancel Ezell (Broadman, 57 pp., \$1.95) Practical, step-by-step guidance for posters and displays that a church needs to inform people about its work. Layout, space, color, and materials are presented fully.

Church PR Conference Scheduled Sept. 29-30

Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, will deliver the opening address for the Church Communications Conference Sept. 29-30 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Dr. Taylor is one of six program personalities who will be participating in the conference and the only one who is a Mississippian.

The other conference leaders will be George Clark, Nashville, Tenn., editor of Church Administration magazine; Jack Lawler, Austin, Texas, president of Jack Lawler Advertising; Ralph McIntire, Chattanooga, Tenn., pastor of Brainard Baptist Church; Claud Shields, Wilmington, N. C., vice-president of TimeRite, Inc.; and Wesley M. Pattillo Jr., Louisville, Ky., vice-president for development, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Leon Emery, church administration consultant for the

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said the purpose of the conference is to "help pastors, staff, and church public relations committee members catch a vision of the potential of contemporary media for sharing the gospel, know how to organize and launch a church communication program, and be able to use selected mass media techniques effectively."

The conference will begin at 1:45 p.m. Sept. 29 and close at 4 p.m. on Sept. 30. There will be a \$5 registration fee to cover the cost of materials and refreshments, Rev. Emery said.

The subject of Dr. Taylor's opening address will be "The Church and the Communications Explosion."

Workshops will deal with advertising and direct mail, church newsletters, newspapers, and radio and television.

Addresses by Clark, Pattillo, and Lawler, will be discussions of public relations opportunities, organizing and operating a public relations program, public relations campaigns, and improving church public relations images.



At Work In Nigeria

The Cooperative Program is an international word that affects Christ's work in many lands. But it is an intensely personal word that narrows down to helping in my work here in Kaduna, Nigeria. I am principal and teacher in a Baptist pastors' school where we enroll and train some 187 pastors and their wives each year.

About 80% of the income to operate this school comes from the Foreign Mission Board. Most of the operating expenses come directly through the Cooperative Program dollars you give.

We have graduated over four hundred pastors who have been the leaders in establishing over six hundred churches here in the northern states of Nigeria. Without your help the school would not have been established and could not operate. You have helped support four Mississippi missionaries and two from Tennessee who teach in the school. You pay our salaries, travel to the field, provide housing, equipment and transportation.

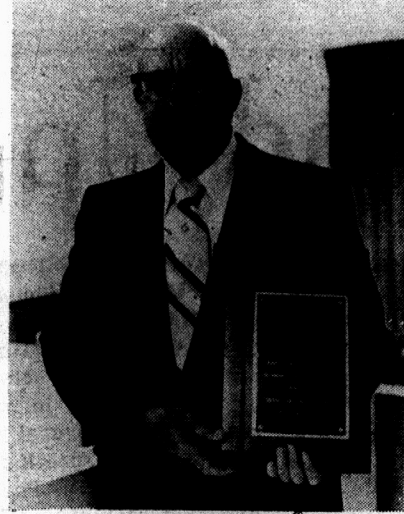
Lost people are desperately lost anywhere in the world. The thing the Cooperative Program says is, "We are ready to provide witnesses to confront these needy people in Kaduna, Nigeria, as well as Jackson, Mississippi, with the claims of Christ."

Dewey E. Merritt
Baptist Pastors' School
Kaduna, Nigeria

Mt. Zion (Rankin) Calls New Pastor

Rev. Milton Sargent has accepted the call of Mt. Zion (Rankin) as pastor. He and his wife Marjorie and daughter Lynna Rea have moved into the parsonage there. Another daughter, Patricia, is a student at Northeast Louisiana College at Monroe.

Mr. Sargent began his ministry while in the U. S. Air Force, from which he retired in 1968. He has since served pastorates in New Jersey, Alabama, and Louisiana. He has studied at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., and at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall. He plans to enroll at Mississippi College.



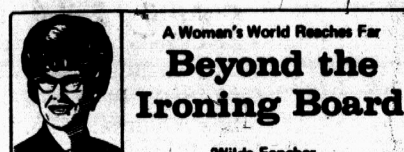
P. E. Downey

Downey Is Honored For 22 Years In Ministry

At the recent Petal Crusade, Dr. Jerry Mixon honored Rev. P. E. Downey, pastor of Harvey, First Church, for his many years of Christian service.

Grady Gibbs of Harvey, First Church, further honored Mr. Downey, presenting him with a plaque which praised him for his dedication to the church and people of Petal and the surrounding area.

The ceremony climaxed with a letter read and presented to Mr. Downey by Mayor Ulmer Byrd of Petal. The letter commended him for 22 years of "unselfish devotion to his church and for a Christian life which has influenced the lives of so many people in the community."



My paintbrush and I have been at it again. This time the paint wasn't orchid, though. I painted a boy's room dresser again. One thing the boys get very huffy with me about is orchid paint. They say, "No orchid paint anywhere in our rooms." They also add, "No pink paint in our rooms. No blue paint, except manly blue, in our rooms." What makes blue mainly is not the color — it's what you use with it: browns and tans and non-flowered-or-ruffled curtains and drapes.

Sliding around on the floor, mending the paintbrush into crevices and corners, I began wondering where I might find a sheet of sandpaper. I doubted that the drawer would push in with this one more coat of paint, and I'd have to sand it a little. Dressers which belong to paint maniacs have to be painted to match. A paint maniac can't leave stained wood well enough alone. After a few bad places appear, a paint maniac rushes not for the refinisher but to the paint store. From that point on, the furniture must be re-painted.

I remembered painting this dresser to match already painted pastoriums. Then I remembered the joy with which I painted part of it white and antiqued the drawers in Williamsburg blue to match the one new pastorium I got to help plan, build, and decorate. Then I thought how uncannily similar the house we bought three years ago is like that pastorium — so many of the same fixtures, colors, tiles, and such. You know how your mind chases itself along when it has the chance to relax itself to random, unprogrammed thoughts.

Next came thoughts about how every member of the family had used the dresser at some time or other — and about how that's the way things are with a family: changing to meet as many needs as possible.

Mostly, though I looked at the dresser gratefully because painted furniture helped me in a serious struggle many years ago — the struggle of deciding how important wood would be to me. The first major furniture we bought for a pastorium was exactly the bedroom furniture I wanted. My sweet husband stood with me until we found the four poster Philippine mahogany bed, dresser, and chest of drawers I wanted. Then he bought it. Other furniture purchases for our tiny house were equally as easy.

Then boys came along, and other furniture for larger houses became harder decisions. When I looked at everything and everybody involved, I decided that all my furniture would not have to be mahogany, pecan, fruitwood, maple, or whatever wood or style was the going one as time passed by, for many other things and people were more important. So, painting furniture has been a delightful decorating decision for me.

That way, my woods can match, after all — red woods, white woods, Williamsburg blue woods.

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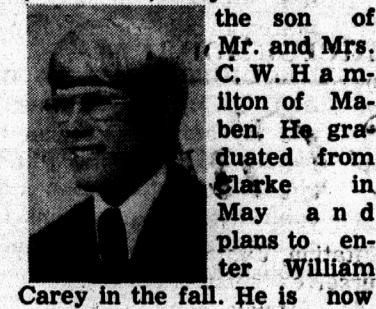
Names In The News

Kenneth Wayne Jordan, a Mississippian, a master of divinity graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has been named a recipient of one of six Broadman Seminary awards given this year by Broadman Press.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kelum Jr., formerly missionaries to Vietnam, now in the States, are the parents of a son, William Oran, born July 1. They may be addressed at 817 West Second, Clarksdale, Miss. 38614. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Richard (Ricky) Baker and Willie Otis Kimbriel have been licensed to the gospel ministry by Pioneer Church, Woodville, Rev. Houston Anglin, pastor. Both are available for supply or for revivals. Mr. Baker can be reached at Route 3, Woodville, Miss. 39089 (phone 888-4836). His wife Eloise plays the piano. Mr. Kimbriel may be contacted at Gloster 39638 (phone 839-4426).

Rev. David Hamilton was ordained to the gospel ministry by Center Grove Church (Oktoberbeha) July 13. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hamilton of Maiben. He graduated from Clarke in May and plans to enter William Carey in the fall. He is now pastor of Double Springs, Webster County. Rev. Bryan Sherman brought the ordination sermon.



Edgar (Eddie) Cox, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Cox, Sr., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest B. Howell of Memphis was ordained as a Baptist minister of June 29 at Calvary Church, Columbia. He has been with Calvary as minister of music and youth since March.

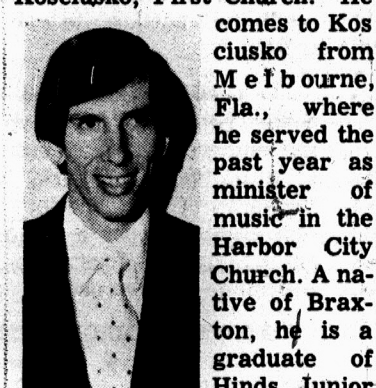
His grandparents are natives of Mendenhall. Steve Coleman assumed duties as minister of music and education at Dry Creek Church (Rankin), June 15. He has attended Hinds Junior College, and will attend Mississippi College this fall. He goes from Vard's Winkle Church. He is the grandson of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Boland of Brandon, and the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Coleman of Charleston.

Tommy Echols is new minister of music and youth at Kosciusko, First Church. He comes to Kosciusko from Melbourne, Fla., where he served the past year as minister of music in the Harbor City Church. A native of Braxton, he is a graduate of Hinds Junior College, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary (M.C.M.). While at MC he was minister of music at Macdonia, Mendenhall. Mrs. Echols is the former Sue Smith of Jackson, also a graduate of Hinds J.C. and Mississippi College. An informal reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Echols July 13, by the church, Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Martin, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 883 Summershade Lane, Memphis, Tenn. 38116). She is the former Margaret McMullen of Sumner, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. D. Watts, missionaries to India, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Dr. J. R. Williams, 3701 Parkview Lane, Irvine, Calif. 92664).



Dr. and Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 715 E. Northside Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39206).

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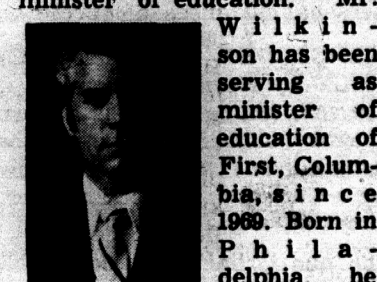
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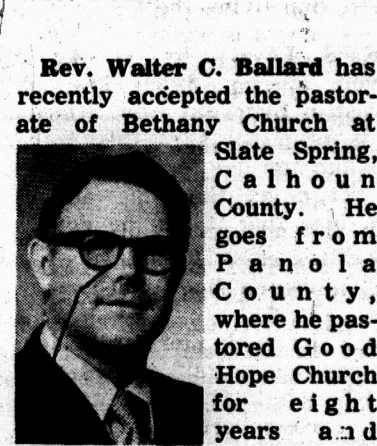
New Palestine Church, Picayune, recently called Eugene Gillis, Jr. as minister of music and youth. He and his wife, Myra, and daughter, Allison, above, moved to New Palestine from Green Acres Church, Birmingham, Alabama, where he served in a similar capacity. He previously served at Verona and East Booneville. Graduate of Clarke College, he is now working on the Master of Church Music degree at New Orleans Seminary.

Park Haven Church (Jones) has called Rev. Danny Stringer as youth director. A senior ministerial student at William Carey, Mr. Stringer had been minister of music for Park Haven and for Lawn Haven, before becoming Park Haven youth director. He is married to the former Linda Talbert. He is available for pulpit supply and can be called at 428-8933. Rev. Artis Brewer is pastor at Park Haven and Billy Hyatt is music minister.

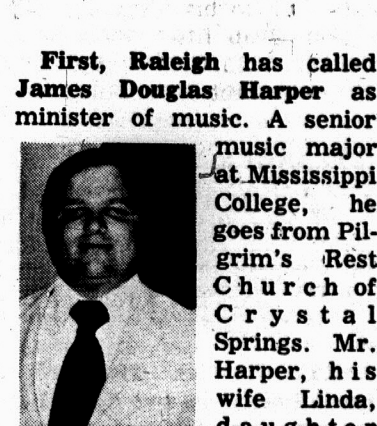
First Church, West Point, has called William F. Wilkinson as assistant pastor and minister of education. Mr. Wilkinson has been serving as minister of education of First, Columbia, since 1969. Born in Philadelphia, he received his B.S.M. degree from William Carey and his M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary. His wife Dortha Ann and he have three children: Gwen, Scott, and Shane. He was ordained by First, Columbia, in 1971. Rev. Joel E. Haire is pastor at West Point.



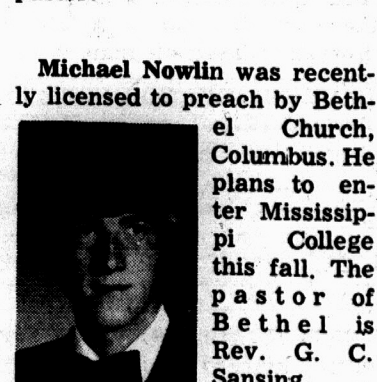
Rev. Walter C. Ballard has recently accepted the pastorate of Bethany Church at Slate Spring, Calhoun County. He goes from Panola County, where he pastored Good Hope Church for eight years and taught English at Batesville High School for six years. He received his B.A. degree from Miss. College and has done graduate work at the University of Miss. He is married to the former Stella Wilson of Newellton, La., and they have five children.



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The dates have been set for the practice and recording sessions for the Mississippi Singing Churchmen and the Mississippi Singing Women. The group is in the process of preparing and recording an album of patriotic songs and anthems to be released in the fall of this year. The album will include several "favorites" in the field of patriotic music and also some original compositions and arrangements by members of the groups.

Through each church's encouragement of its own musicians to be a part of such an endeavor, it will have a voice in a special sacred and patriotic effort by Mississippi Baptist musicians for our Bi-centennial year.

Rehearsal dates are as follows: Friday, September 19, beginning at 3 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m.; Tuesday September 30, beginning at 3 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m.; and Thursday & Friday October 2

and 3, beginning at 5 p.m. on October 2 and ending at 5 p.m. on October 3. Participants must attend at least 2 of the 3 rehearsals. The recording will be made during the week October 6-11, probably on October 6 and 7. This date will be confirmed as recording agreements are reached. Locations will also be announced at a later date. The Singing Churchmen are full - and part - time ministers of music in the state. The Singing Women is a partner group, composed of female ministers of music, accompanists, music secretaries and graded choir workers. Anyone interested in joining either group should contact Dan C. Hall, Church Music Director, or Nan Grantham, Music Assistant, leaders of the groups.

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A Sober Look At Intoxicating Beverages

By Bill Duncan
Proverbs 20:1; 21:17; 23:20-21;
29:35; 31:4 - 7

Hon. Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas, former chairman of the Patient Ways and Means Committee of the House, nearly lost his whole career because of alcohol. On May 6, 1975, he returned to Congress after a long absence due to alcoholism, an absence when he lost his place as head of the Ways and Means Committee and nearly lost his job and his health as well.

According to the New York Times, Mills returned to Congress "preaching the evils of alcohol as zealously as he once guided tax legislation through the House."

Mills had been hospitalized at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and more recently at a private alcoholic treatment clinic in Florida. The first out- ing he attended on his return to Washington was an A. A. dinner. He plans to maintain his sobriety by being an active A.A.

Mills told his colleagues of his commitment to 'Alcoholic Anonymous way of life. He said, "Don't ever get to the point where you can't put a drink aside. Yes, I'm preaching. I feel better than I have felt in 35 years. I feel more relaxed." He told of his trouble with alcoholism, of blackouts he suffered during drinking bouts and the treatments in Florida.

When he was asked if he had been cured, he replied, "one never knows. Alcoholism is an insidious disease. I have the tools and I can make the choice. My choice is that I will not drink. They told me there was nothing wrong with me that I couldn't push away in a glass."

Americans need to get the message of Proverbs and truth. There are 95 million people in this country who drink. Nine million of them are alcoholics — an increase of 3 million since the late 1960's. Every year about 100,000 more become alcoholics and an increasing number are women. More frightening is the rate of which young people are becoming alcoholics. Today young people are replacing other drugs with alcohol.

In the May-June issue of The American Issue it was reported from Reader's Digest that: 1-3 of our high school students get drunk once a month.

1.3 million Americans between 12 and 17 have serious drinking problems.

Why is alcoholism growing? Advertising sells products. Liquor ads sell liquor. If advertisers didn't sell, the top 100 advertisers would not have spent over \$13 billion in 1974 to push their wares. It is estimated that at least 400 million is spent promoting the sale and use of the addictive products of alcoholic beverages and cigarettes. We know of the Surgeon General's warning on the cigarette. But liquor, beer, and wine ads are even more dangerous and do not have any warning attached to the copy.

Progress is being made overseas. Norway has imposed a total ban on advertising liquor, wine, and beer. Iceland banned all liquor advertising some time ago.

One brand of ale is spending \$2 million on TV, radio, and print to urge the 18-34 age bracket to "Get Ready for Living." Using Playboy, Ebony and Jet magazin-

es the ads convey the message that the product is for people who perceive themselves as "different, intellectual or ingenious." True, if they swallow the message and enough of the ale, they will be different — "sadly different."

Proverbs 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

"Make no mistake — alcohol is bad for you." Yet, in our culture there is more and more acceptance to the point that alcoholic drinks are the primary beverages. With each passing year, more will power and determination are needed to keep the intake of alcohol reasonable.

Medical literature contains enough disturbing facts about alcohol, even used in moderation, to fill this article, this paper or several books. The function of the heart is directly affected by the consumption of alcohol such as prevents the heart muscles from working properly. The liver serves to detoxify any noxious substances like alcohol which find their way into the body. When you are not exercising, as much as one-fourth of your blood is stored in your liver. The alcohol in the blood is oxidized in the liver, releasing hydrogen which causes the accumulation of increased fat in the liver. The liver is not able to dispose of some of the excess fat which causes storage problems and cells do not use the fat. Even moderate amounts of alcohol can cause liver damage. The damage alcohol inflicts on the brain is apt to lead to "poor judgment, inability to profit from experience and inability to sustain one's actions toward a goal." Autopsies have revealed that the brains of veteran alcoholics are

actually wasted away, especially in the frontal areas.

Alcohol is not only bad for the person's physical body, it is also bad on the person's life of mental and emotional functioning. Most people who drink are not worried about alcohol being a poison that takes a long time to kill. They are only concerned about how they feel today. They want something to help them through a rough day. "To most 95 million drinking Americans, alcohol is a drug for that most common of syndromes — life's disappointments." The alcohol kills pain by producing a state of intoxication. It does not treat the problem that causes disappointments. For many it becomes a crutch in hours of crisis. The sad truth is that alcohol is a depressant that relaxes tension, dulls inhibitions and the power of self-evaluation and self-control. Thus the life which is depressed becomes more depressed in the long run.

The best of intentions are dissolved in alcohol. One's will is greatly affected by how much he drinks.

Four From Mississippi Serve At Glorieta

GLORIETA, N. M. — Four from Mississippi are serving on the staff this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

They are Drew Mitchell, Greenville, linen dept.; John Andrew Maxwell, Webb, dining hall; Sue Butler, Jackson, Sundry and camera shop; and Ruth N. Hays, Dublin, kitchen.

Gulleths Honored

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Gullett are shown holding a silver tray presented to them in appreciation for his nine and one-half years of loyal service as pastor of Macedonia Church, Tupelo. He became pastor there Dec. 10, 1965, and resigned June 8, 1975, to become pastor of Morrison Chapel Church, Cleveland.

Bunker Hill Homecoming

The Bunker Hill Church will have Homecoming August 17. Rev. Hollis Jordan, former pastor, will be guest preacher at 11 a.m. All former pastors and ministers of music will be honored guests. There will be "dinner on the grounds," special presentations, and testimonies. There will also be a special offering taken for the Building Fund. The pastor is Rev. David Perry.

Sunday School Lesson: International

Tensions & Christian Growth

By Wm. J. Falls
Romans 12:1-2;
Ephesians 6:10-20; James 1

Doesn't that quarterback look great on the practice field when he drops back to pass and lays the ball right in the hands of the intended receiver 30 yards away? He may do it all afternoon and never miss, and both players need that kind of practice.

But the real test of the quarterback will come in the first game when he has to stay in the pocket, waiting for his receiver while a big linebacker of the opposing team is rushing at him. Then the coach finds out whether his quarterback can endure. It is opposition that makes any game worthwhile, and it is opposition that tests the courage and endurance of Christians. But in Christian living the struggle is not a game; it is a continuing battle between forces of evil and of good, each striving to eliminate the other. Paul and James knew how serious was the struggle, and they tried to prepare other Christians to do their part in meeting the trials and tensions of life.

The Lesson Explained
Not Conformed But Transformed (Rom. 12:1-2)

After eleven chapters of theological discussion, Paul turned with these verses to practical matters, advice and exhortation for living the Christian life. After all, being a Christian is a matter of both belief and behavior. So, he urged his readers to offer themselves as living sacrifices to God. No longer should men depend on animal sacrifices to please God; Christ had given himself once for all to end that system. Now God wanted lives devoted to his service; that kind of worship fitted their new relationship with God in Christ.

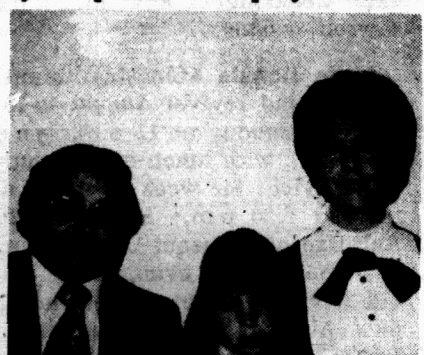
Then Paul went on to show that such an offering required more than a quiet little commitment service. They were living in a pagan world of many strange religions of low standards in sex and family relations, of powerful and often corrupt government. Therefore, Paul warned them not to be "conformed to this world," or as the Phillips translation has it: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold." Pagans resented the Christians, and they would do whatever they could to make the Christians undermine their profession of faith by the way they lived. Instead, the Roman Christians must be transformed on the inside by having their minds renewed. Then they would know for sure ("prove") what the will of God is, and they could live a transformed life.

ENDURANCE BY WISDOM AND FAITH (Jas. 1:2-8)

Almost every letter in the New Testament makes some reference to opposition which Christians were facing in that first century. That was the context of the gospel. Immediately after writing his

salutation, James said, "Consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way" (TEV). They could have joy, knowing that testing their faith would develop endurance. A number of the POW's said things last year that seemed to support this conviction. Of course no one wants to invite trials and tensions, but under stress the Christian can discover resources for endurance he never knew he had. But endurance is not the goal; the Christian sees it as an aid to his becoming complete, lacking nothing. What a fresh way to meet trials!

But some will need wisdom to do it. For James, wisdom had nothing to do with knowledge; thus, it could not be gained by study or from a teacher. It was a gift from God, especially through his Word, and God would answer prayers for wisdom. He is liberal to all. But the prayer must be offered confidently and expectantly. A person who prays without



Hardy Calls Gore

Rev. Jimmy Stewart Gore and family (wife Nelda and daughter Janet) have moved to Hardy Church, Grenada County, where he is the new pastor.

Mr. Gore was ordained by Hohenlinden Church.

Formerly he has been pastor in Houston, Blue Springs, Dumas, Memphis, and at First, Shannon. He has attended Wood Jr. College, Clarke College, Blue Mountain College and University of Mississippi.

Reception To Honor Wildwood Pastor

Wildwood Church, Clinton, will hold a reception from 3-5 o'clock, Sunday, August 10 in the church chapel in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Fred G. Womack. Dr. Womack has accepted the pastorate of Wildwood. The public is invited.

A native of Magee, he holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi College and the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Womack graduated from Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Science degree and will be teaching this year.

The Womacks have two daughters, Kimberly Lynn, 4 and Katherine Leigh, 2.

really trusting God to answer or who thinks he could probably make it on his own without God's help, that person is "like a wave of the sea" — uncertain and unstable. He cannot expect God to answer prayer without faith. He is not just a man with occasional doubts; he is "a double minded man."

The Reward For Endurance (Jas. 1:12)

Perhaps the most dramatic passage in the New Testament concerning spiritual conflict is Ephesians 6:10-20. In it Paul describes the believer as a soldier who must defend himself "against the wiles of the devil." First, he must recognize the enemy not as mankind but as "spiritual wickedness." Second, he needs defensive armor: belt, breastplate, shoes, shield, and helmet. Third, he needs "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" to attack the false assumptions and claims of evil. Paul did not see the Christian life as a tea party; it was a continuing struggle. He asked for prayer that he might speak boldly.

James summed up his confidence in verse 12 that those who endured would receive a reward. He who endured his testing could be happy because the Lord had promised to crown with life those who loved him. Thus, James was saying that coming through the tests and tensions of life showed that a person loved God. So, he joined Paul in emphasizing the Christian's need to oppose evil. Loving God includes loyalty to him.

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Baptists continually seek new and different ways to reach people for Christ. In recent years, two avenues of communication, radio and television, have provided huge audiences that might otherwise never have been reached. From funds contributed through the Cooperative Program, the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention continues to utilize these media for sending out the gospel message.

At present the Radio-Television Commission broadcasts 37 programs. These are aired more than 3,600 times weekly from more than 2,700 different radio and television stations throughout the country. The Commission is deeply committed to sharing the gospel—and it doesn't just proclaim the message, then quit. The Commission offers spiritual growth that takes the listener beyond his first contact with God to a deeper encounter.

The television ministry of the Commission includes programs such as the children's series, "Jot"; the award-winning series, "The Human Dimension"; and specials for all three networks. In addition, the Commission has produced the "Spring Street, USA" series for the Home Mission Board.

The Commission's radio ministry employs a variety of approaches in exposing people to the gospel. These include teenage musical programs; "Country Crossroads," which mixes gospel with the country music sound; "Master Control," with short, powerful, religious messages aimed at young adults; and the "Baptist Hour," aired since 1941. The Commission's newest radio show, "SoulSearcherS," is a half-hour program for black young people.

Occasionally listeners tune in to these programs unintentionally. But once they hear the approach, they linger — and the gospel gets through. Often people write to ask personal questions and seek answers to problems. The Commission carefully answers these letters — and includes with each reply a clearly-defined plan of salvation.

Over the years, many lost persons have chosen Christ because of appeals made through the broadcast media. Significantly, the SBC Radio-Television Commission has shared in this successful ministry. Because you and your church support the Cooperative Program, which in turn supports the Radio-Television Commission, continually effective broadcasts are possible. In essence, your contributions provide the MEANS to another important Southern Baptist way of winning people to Christ.



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Just For The Record



Pearl Valley Breaks Ground For Sanctuary

Pearl Valley Church (Cotah) broke ground July 12 for a new auditorium which is now underway, and which will adjoin the present education building. Pictured, l to r: Rev. R. O. Holcomb, Rev. Guy Little, former pastors; Eugene Guess, George Page, deacons; Frank Duckworth, Building Committee; Rev. Ricky Kennedy, pastor; James Page, chairman of Bldg. Com.; Rev. M. L. Douglas, former pastor; Burnice Kennedy, deacon and Bldg. Com. Dennis Conniff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is the architect.

R. G. Lee To Speak On Homecoming Day At 1st, Batesville

Dr. Robert G. Lee, retired, former pastor of Bellevue, Memphis, and former president of the SBC, will speak at 11 a.m. at First Church, Batesville, on August 10.

August 10 will be homecoming day at First, Batesville, according to the pastor, Dr. Robert Self. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Rev. Robert Martin, former pastor of the church and now pastor in Archibald, La., will be the guest speaker for the 7 p.m. service.

GAZA — The Gaza Baptist Hospital has received a gift of \$11,000 from the Benevolent Society of the Gaza Strip as an expression of their common concern for the needs of the people.

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Southern Baptists, through the Baptist Recording Studio here, are broadcasting two 30-minute programs weekly over Trans World Radio's new transmitter in Manzini, Swaziland. Broadcasting began in the Shona language with the Baptist program, "Vabati Pamwe Chete" (Laborers Together).

O'Zion (Franklin): August 10-15; Rev. Darrell Roberts, evangelist; Elfred Wallace, singer; Rev. T. H. Maxwell, interim pastor; homecoming on August 10 with worship at 11, dinner on the ground and afternoon singing; nightly services at 7:30.

Black Hawk (Carroll): August 10-15; Rev. Harry McGuffee of Baxter, La., evangelist; services at 8 p.m.; Rev. Luther Lindsey, pastor; (for Aug. 3 homecoming the Crusaders from Greenwood and a group from Charleston were in charge of music).

Gaston, Booneville: August 10-18; services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Charles Steel, evangelist; Rev. W. G. Dowdy, pastor; George McGregor, minister of music.

Concord (Tippah): Aug. 3-8; at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Cornell Daughtry, BSU director at Miss. Delta, Jr. College, evangelist; Rev. Robert Walker, pastor.

Providence (Grenada): Aug. 3-8; Rev. Charles Nail, pastor of Capital Heights, Pierre, S. D., evangelist; Robert Trussell, minister of music; Mrs. Eleanor Clark, pianist; 10:45 and 7:30; Rev. Archie David Fleming, pastor.

Rocky Springs (Yazoo): Aug. 10-15; Rev. Vance Dyess, pastor Trinity Church, Pearl, evangelist; Sunday, Aug. 10 homecoming with dinner on the grounds followed by services at 1:30; weekday services 8:00 p.m.; Rev. Philip Douglas, pastor.

Cliff Temple (Adams): August 10-15; Rev. Hugh Poole, pastor, First, Macon, evangelist; Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music, Meadville Church, singer; Rev. Bryant Haulip, pastor; Sunday services at regular time; weekday services 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Endville Church (Pontotoc): Aug. 10-15; services 10:30 and 7:30; Rev. Jack Gregory, pastor, West Heights, Pontotoc, preaching. Lacy Potter, minister of music, Glenfield, New Albany, leading song services; Rev. Par-tee Tutor, pastor.

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Homecoming At Oakland Grove

Oakland Grove Church near Laurel in Jones County will observe homecoming August 10. Rev. W. O. Phippen, former pastor, will speak at 11 a.m. after dinner on the grounds, Rev. Lester Gardiner, another former pastor, will speak at the 2 p.m. service. There will be no evening service, according to the pastor, Rev. J. Mitchell Osborne.

Big Creek Homecoming

Big Creek (Wayne) homecoming will be August 10 with Sunday School at 9:45 followed by the morning service at 10:45 with Rev. Aubrey Cook, Liberty Church (Wayne) guest speaker. There will be dinner on the grounds with an afternoon service. Rev. Franklin McLelland is pastor.



Softball Tournament

The State Tournament for Mississippi Baptist Soft-Pitch Softball will be held in Jackson Aug. 14, 15, 16, and continued on Aug. 22 and 23. It will be a double elimination tournament. As in the past, all players participating in the tournament must be members of the sponsoring church. Both men and women teams may participate. Trophies will be given to the champion, runner-up, third, and fourth place teams. Also, wind breakers (for men only) will be awarded designating the champions of the first place team—limited to 15 jackets. R. W. Brister, center above, is director of the tournament. Entries should be directed to him at the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, P.O. Box 4686, Jackson 39216 or by calling 362-8678 in Jackson. Others with the trophies are left, Jehu Brabham, recreation director at Parkway Church, Jackson, and Rev. Fred Tarpley, association director of missions.

Revival Dates

Paul Church (Tallahatchie): Aug. 10-16; Rev. Sonny Moore, pastor Pass Road Church, Gulfport, evangelist; music each night by youth group from Pass Road Church, services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Eli Wiltshire, pastor.

Big Creek (Wayne): Aug. 11-17; Rev. Paul Ragland, evangelist; W. N. "Pat" Powell, music director; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays; Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Franklin McLelland, pastor.

Liberty Hill (Panola): August 10-15; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, evangelist; Farley Earnest, singer; services 10:30 and 7:45; Rev. Everett Denton, pastor.

Calhoun Church, Hot Coffee (Covington): Aug. 10 - 15; Rev. Huston Adkins, pastor West Ellisville Church, evangelist; Dr. Gent-er Stephens, professor of Church Music at New Orleans Seminary, music evangelist; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Glen Edmonds, pastor.

Bethel, Hazlehurst (Copiah): August 10-15; services Sunday at 11 and 1:30 with dinner on the grounds; during week at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Kenneth Marler, pastor of Bethel, Monticello, evangelist; Perry White, Bethel, Hazlehurst, singer; Rev. Doug Warren, pastor.

Spring Cottage (Marion): Aug. 10-15; Rev. Sam Simmons of McComb, former pastor, evangelist; Sunday at 11 a.m. with dinner on the grounds and afternoon services at 1:30; Williams-Guy Gospel Singers from Shady Grove Church, Bogue Chitto, bringing a special message through music during the afternoon; weekday at 7:30 p.m.

Oakland Grove Laurel (Jones): August 11-15; Rev. Sharber Smith, evangelist; Bill Maddox recently called minister of music of Oakland, leading the singing; featured each service will be Ann Marie Fairchild, ventriloquist and Jackie; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. J. Mitchell Osborne, pastor.

Victory Church (Jefferson Davis): August 10-15; Rev. Toxie Hedgepeth, pastor of Hepzibah Church, Silver Creek, evangelist; Rev. Bill Wade, director of music at First, Richton, singer; Rev. James Lee Bailey, pastor.

1st, Philadelphia Honors Grissetts With Reception

First Church, Philadelphia was the scene July 27, of a reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. J. Ray Grissett and family upon their leave-taking of Philadelphia. Mr. Grissett as of August 1 became an associate in the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The church's gifts to the honorees were a love offering and a silver tray engraved, "with love and appreciation from First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Mississippi, 1971-1975." The deacons presented Rev. Grissett with an attache case.

Mr. Grissett became pastor of First, Philadelphia in July of 1971. While there he served as president of the Philadelphia Ministerial Association and the Baptist Pastors' Conference. He is a trustee of Clarke College.

Mrs. Grissett was active in church work as director of Preschool I department in Sunday School and Vacation Bible school; and as a member and soloist in the Chancel Choir.

The family now resides at 502 Woodstone Road, Clinton.

1st, Union To Enter New Sanctuary

August 10 marks the date of the first worship services in the new auditorium of First Church, Union. The \$500,000 building will contain a new Allen Electronic Computer Organ, and a new Kimball grand piano.

"REACHING PEOPLE," a musical service featuring choral music and spoken testimonies, will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir of First Church, Union, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the recently completed auditorium.

The choir will be under direction of Allen Hill, minister of music, and accompanied by Mrs. Melba White, organist, and Mrs. Nancy Case, pianist. Soloists include Mrs. Sandra Wall and Dr. Rex Warrick.

Rev. Douglas White is pastor.

Dumas (Tippah): August 10-15; Rev. Woodrow Horn, pastor at Houka, evangelist; Rev. Charlie Cooper, music director at Pleasant Ridge, singer; Mrs. Daniel Taylor, organist; Mrs. Doxey Davis, pianist; services at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Billy W. Baker, pastor.

Sunflower: Aug. 10-13; Rev. J. B. Miller, South Haven, evangelist; Clyde Brooks, singer; Rev. Mike Murphy, pastor.

Hebron (Yazoo): Aug. 10-15; Rev. Wesley P. Miley, pastor of First, Lake, evangelist; services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. during week; homecoming Sunday, Aug. 10, with worship at 11, dinner on the grounds and service at 1:30; Rev. Bill Hutto, pastor.

West Corinth, Corinth: Aug. 10-15; 7:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.; Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Thomas Wicker, Bethel, Woodland, evangelist; music directed by James Lewis; Rev. Wayne Campbell, pastor.

Salem Church, Raymond: August 10-15; homecoming on August 10; Rev. James Smith, pastor First Church, Mendenhall, evangelist; Rev. David Raddin, minister of music, Westview, Jackson, music director; Rev. Harry F. Jones, pastor.

Roundaway, Daddsville: August 10-15; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. George W. Harrison, professor of Old Testament at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; music under direction of Williams Shaw from First Church, Indianola; Rev. Howard Quinley, pastor.

Devotional

Jesus Is Passing By

Luke 18:35-43

By Thomas L. Clay

A man sat by the roadside near Jericho begging. Although blind, he was mentally very alert. He sensed the bustle and confusion of a throng of people winding its way along the stony road. He could hear the sound of sandals shuffling through the dust and in contact with the loose pebbles. There was a babble of voices and an air of excitement.



The blind man was aware of something unusual. When he asked about it he was told, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." That was almost too good to be true. It had never happened to him before. Sensing the priceless opportunity, he began to cry aloud urgently and insistently: "Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!" Bystanders scolded him for making a spectacle of himself. They were ashamed to be in such rude company. But the blind man realizing that the opportunity of his life might pass before he grasped it, cried out the more exceedingly, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Fortunately, Jesus heard him and, since it was His lifetime habit never to ignore a request for help, He stopped and asked the man to come near and explain what he wanted. Trembling with eagerness and a sense of awe as he approached Jesus Christ, the supplicant asked that he might receive his sight. "And Jesus said unto him, 'Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.'"

Who, if any, of us can realize the great uplift and transformation in the life of one who was blind and suddenly found that he could see. This man joined the company and followed Jesus.

For all of us, Jesus is passing by—today, now! He continually knocks on the door of our hearts (Rev. 3:20) He is revealed in the scriptures. He makes His presence and power known in our lives in so many ways.

Are we alert, do we sense that something important is happening and do we immediately take action to profit by the presence of Jesus or do we remain silent and inactive until He is gone?

The blind man might have sat beside the road, possibly listening and wondering, but doing nothing until his great opportunity passed by and he remained merely the blind beggar by the roadside. How many are doing just that. Our Lord responds to the prayer of faith. If we allow Jesus to pass by unheeded, we shall remain poor blind beggars who failed to respond, to seize the opportunity, before Jesus passed by, that would have given us sight, light, happiness, joy, and fulfillment beyond our highest expectation. "Jesus, Thou Son of David have mercy on me."

(NOTE: Rev. Thomas L. Clay, who was pastor of Calvary, Silver Creek, recently became pastor at Glenwood Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.)

Woodlawn To Sponsor Puppet Seminar

To meet the tremendous demand for trained puppeteers, Puppet Productions, Inc. is announcing their training Seminar in Basic Puppetry, Monday, Aug. 11 at 6:30-10:00 p.m. to be held at Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. The seminar is designed to train those who know nothing about puppetry, but who want to learn as well as for people who are already puppeteers but want more advanced training. To insure personal attention to each individual who attends, only a limited number of registrations will be accepted. For information concerning registration phone (601) 636-5320.

"The main interest at Puppet Productions," stated Bill Hawes, president, "is to create a happy learning situation for any type of educational program."

Among the subjects to be demonstrated are: organizing a church puppet ministry; using puppets as teachers in Sunday School and Children's Church; making puppets "come alive" on stage; utilizing colorful costumes and props; and using puppets to entertain. A separate seminar for experienced puppeteers is scheduled.

Off The Record

A youngster received a red wagon on his birthday, and afterwards he went nowhere without it. But one afternoon, when he was happily rolling it along the front sidewalk, his father called: "Take your wagon into the backyard. Remember, it's Sunday!" To which the lad responded in a puzzled way, "Isn't it Sunday in the backyard, too?" — The Link.

A chap who had been suffering from anemia met an old pal who asked him how he felt.

"Oh, I feel better," said the ailing one. "I found a new doctor and he has really loaded me up with iron pills and iron shots."

"So you're okay?" asked the friend.

"Yeah," said the patient, "as long as I face north."

A counterfeiter was going out of business, but as a last big indulgence he made a fifteen-dollar bill. He went into a candy shop, purchased a couple of fifty-cent cigars, and handed over the bill. The clerk looked at it for a moment, went into the back of his establishment, and returned to give the customer two seven-dollar bills in change. — American Opinion.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Fellowship (Jasper): June 22-29; Rev. James Spencer, pastor of Poplar Springs (Newton), evangelist (Mr. Spencer will become pastor of Fellowship August 18); Marcus Peagler, music director at Hickory, singer; Dr. Paul Brown, Clarke College faculty, interim pastor; three for baptism.

First, Inverness: Rev. Millard Bennett, pastor; Dr. Jerry Mixon of Petal, evangelist; Tom Larimore of Jackson, music evangelist; 17 professions of faith; 30 rededications; one addition by letter.

Hickory (Newton): July 13-18; three professions of faith; five rededications; Rev. Danny Hood, Fellowship Church, Rome, Ga., evangelist; Clark Adams, Clarke College, singer; Mrs. Linda Ganann, organist; Mrs. David Sellers, pianist; Rev. David Sellers, pastor.



Crossgates Approves Plans For New Sanctuary

Crossgates Church, Jackson, Br. David Durrett, pastor, has approved plans for the building of a church to face Crossroads Road at its intersection with Woodgate Drive. The brick, old-English style sanctuary will seat 472, plus 96 in the balcony, and

the education facility will have 26 classrooms. Groundbreaking is to be in September, according to the Building Committee chairman, Charles Mason. Brumfield and Hopton are the architects.